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Moulton College Student Success Remains Impressive

The success achieved by Moulton College students continues to be impressive. This summer over 2300 students completed long course programmes with a record 95% achieving success, and over 38% gaining passes at distinction level.

To achieve success, these students not only obtained a National Qualification, but also achieved a range of key skills and industry specific qualifications. They were also required to demonstrate their employability through experience gained during industry placements, or work undertaken alongside College staff.

Academic standards at the College continue to rise year on year and higher education students are now regularly awarded first class honours degrees – and can compete with the best in the land.

College principal Chris Moody said; "We are proud of our students' achievements and aim to provide them with the skills and qualifications valued by potential employers. Whilst increasingly important, academic qualifications alone do not provide a passport to success, it is the additional skills and personal attributes that applicants can offer a business that will get them to the head of the queue. The package we offer our students is broader than that traditionally offered by schools and colleges, and this helps motivated students to achieve that career success".

Earn Whilst You Learn and Maximise your Employment Opportunities!

In these uncertain financial times, a 'work-based' training route is one way for young people to jump the queue for the best employment opportunities.

Traditionally apprenticeships, which provide a combination of practical work-based experience and education, were thought to provide the best training for craft and technician occupations. However during the second half of the 20th Century they declined in popularity, but more recently the apprenticeship concept has regained much of its former credibility.

Apprenticeships allow trainees to develop essential skills, including life skills, whilst earning a wage. Upon successful completion, trainees may then progress to an Advanced Apprenticeship, which prepares them for independent working, a supervisory role or entry to degree programmes.

Nowadays, Apprenticeships and Advanced Apprenticeships are available in many occupational areas including accountancy, law and administration not just the traditional trades such as brickwork, carpentry and stonemasonry – providing a much wider range of 'work-based' education and training opportunities for learners of all ages.

And more recently work-based learning schemes have been extended to higher levels, with many who would traditionally have chosen a 3-year degree course opting for foundation degrees, which have a strong vocational bias.

The trend has been helped by publicity about the level of debt that a student can expect to build up whilst studying for a traditional degree, with up to £30,000 not being an uncommon prospect.

Students can study for a foundation degree, honours degree or post-graduate qualification at Moulton College on either a full-time or part-time basis. Full-time higher education courses at Moulton College are delivered over 3 days each week allowing students to take a part-time job to help out with the finances. Whilst full-time study is the traditional option, the increased burden of tuition fees, and repaying student loans, is now making the part-time route more attractive for many learners. Part-time students attend College for a day, or an afternoon and evening, each week - leaving the rest of the week for paid employment.

College principal Chris Moody said, "students recognise the improved employment prospects and earning potential that having a degree offers. However they are now much more aware of the costs of obtaining those qualifications. At Moulton we design our courses so that students can work part-time whilst studying. This has obvious financial benefits and allows them to gain the work experience, either through permanent employment with sponsored attendance at College, or through a work placement that will help them secure a permanent position once they graduate".

Whatever the level, it is little wonder that so many students are now choosing to study at their local college. For further details of apprenticeship or foundation degree courses at Moulton College ring student services on 01604 491131 or email: enquiries@moulton.ac.uk

A successful Year for Furniture Studies

Furniture students at Moulton College have had a particularly successful year.
Two aspiring furniture makers won first and second place in the regional heat of the SkillBuild cabinet making competition, with one going forward to the national final in Wales in September.

Moulton student Will Church has been recommended for a City & Guilds Medal of Excellence, having made 6 exquisite chairs and a carver, which were designed by continually altering a full size mock up, until the details were perfected.

Will is progressing to an apprenticeship at the Edward Barnsley workshop, reputedly the best practical training in the country, where they learn how to achieve the highest level of skill and make one-off pieces for private homes and public spaces. There is international competition for the Barnsley apprenticeships, with ten applications for every place.

College students also entered the Fine Crafted Wood competition for trainee furniture designer and makers, organised by the New Forest Trust. Oliver Garofalo, a part time student at Moulton won The People's Choice prize, and a cheque for £500, for a cabinet he designed and made at College. Over 10,000 people voted for their favourite pieces in the competition, which included entries from students at both universities and colleges.

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In a class of its own! 90 Years of former Moulton College students!

Since its launch in September 2009, the Alumni Association has received an overwhelming response from former students keen and eager to be in touch with 'their' College.

Letters, telephone calls and emails arrive daily with questions on membership, information, networking opportunities and reunion support with some former students even making generous donations to the alumni fund.

The Moulton experience is unique and the College's students, some dating back as far as 1921, are delighted to have the Alumni as the conduit for becoming reunited with their former classmates, being kept up to date with College developments, and for accessing a range of alumni events. The alumni community is growing rapidly and with many former students travelling across the globe to pursue their careers, membership is worldwide!

If you are a former student, the College wants to hear from you! The 'In-touch' newsletter regularly features profiles on former students; celebrating their successes, providing inspiration for others, and showcasing what can be achieved with the skills and qualifications gained at Moulton.

Already an 'outstanding' college, Moulton is becoming increasingly innovative through its extensive partnerships with both industry and the community. Its former students are playing their part in this change. Many are not so much 'ex-Moulton' but still very much involved and the College wants as many former students as possible to remain part of its future. Membership is free and is open to all students who have successfully completed a full or part-time course of at least 26 weeks at the College.

For more information, to join and to receive the 'In-touch' newsletter contact Zoë Mallard at the Alumni Office, Moulton College, Moulton, Northampton NN3 7RR. Email alumni@moulton.ac.uk, telephone 01604 491131 www.moulton.ac.uk/alumni

Preparing for a career in the Equestrian Industry or taking a Route to a Degree.

Moulton College's equestrian team offer potential students the opportunity to experience a 'day in the life of a student'.

The day includes "hands on" activities and classroom sessions, and also offers an opportunity to speak to current students about life at the College. Careers advice on the Equestrian industry and progression routes in Further and Higher Education will also be available. Equestrian Subject Manager, Sean Maxwell, said 'Not only are these courses free, they give potential students (young or mature) an insight into a day at college, and how they can gain qualifications by indulging their passion for horses'.

To apply for a Taster Day contact: Student Services Office at Moulton College, West Street, Moulton, Northants. NN3 7RR. Tel: 01604 491131. or email:lynne.hill@moulton.ac.uk. Or visit the college Website at: www.moulton.ac.uk

A First Class start to a Career in Design at Moulton

Most students choose a particular vocational course because they have a career path in mind; if the choice is design - then Moulton College offers its students a great start.

Employers in the design industry require applicants to demonstrate that they have appropriate work experience, are able to show initiative, be creative, achieve deadlines and above all have a professional attitude to their work.

At Moulton, students are provided with work experience during their courses so they can develop their practical skills, and demonstrate their employability. Students attending National Diploma in Interior Design courses complete assignments that are as close to real design briefs as possible, often involving international design studios and professional partners.

The skills set that that the College's design students develop is very broad, helping them to pursue their career with confidence, no matter where in the design industry they hope to work.

For further details contact Student Services on 01604 491131, email:enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit www.moulton.ac.uk

Stonemasonry Courses Help Maintain the Nation's Heritage

Stonemasonry (Banker Mason) at Moulton College has established a national reputation for the high quality of its training, whether by full time or part time courses.

The College's Stonemasonry courses attract students from all over the Country including apprentices working on prestigious buildings, such as Wells and Lincoln Cathedrals.

Students regularly make educational visits to buildings such as York Minster and the White Tower to gain an insight into the skills required to keep these magnificent buildings maintained, and restored correctly.

For further information contact Student Services on 01604 491131, email: enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit www.moulton.ac.uk

New Cricket Academy at Moulton College!

A new cricket academy starts this month with the first cohort of students joining the College's latest sports academy run in partnership with Northants County Cricket Club.

For the first time students will also be able to study for a combination of 'A' levels and BTEC qualifications whilst being part of the academy. The 'A' level offer is available through a unique link with Northamptonshire Grammar and Bishop Stopford schools. Students will receive professional cricket coaching from David Ripley and Phil Rowe at the County Cricket Club's purpose built facilities throughout the winter, before the fixtures begin next spring.

Director of Sport, Lee Howarth said, "This is a fantastic course for youngsters who are interested in improving their cricketing skills – it will provide them with high level coaching, as well as qualifications that are recognised by employers and universities."

The cricket academy is a new addition to the portfolio of basketball, rugby, football, hockey, golf and dressage academies, all of which operate in partnership with professional partners or coaches. Moulton is building a very strong reputation as the place to study if you wish to pursue a career in the sports industry or gain academic qualifications whilst receiving professional coaching in a specific sport.

From 2011 the College will offer a boxing academy in partnership with the Amateur Boxing Association, and is also hoping to offer programmes in partnership with Northamptonshire Trampoline Gymnastics Academy.

For information on Sports courses available at Moulton College contact Student Services on 01604 491131, email:enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit www.moulton.ac.uk

Wall and Floor Tiling

Moulton is the only College in Northamptonshire to offer both full time and part time Wall and Floor Tiling courses that lead to nationally recognised qualifications.

This provides a unique opportunity to obtain a specialist trade qualification that is much in demand.

The College recently hosted the East of England 'Skill Build' regional finals, with Moulton competitor Darren Vaughan achieving 3rd place by laying a floor to a very demanding specification.

Darren said of his course "it prepared me for a job in the industry and put me in a better position to gain employment. Since being on the course and competing at Skill Build I have started working in the tiling industry for a local company, and now am working towards completing my Diploma."

A number of places on both full time and part time Wall and Floor Tiling courses are still available for September 2010. The Courses are delivered at the College's East Northants Vocational Skills Academy, which is located on the outskirts of Higham Ferrers. The Academy, which was purpose built and opened in 2006 also offers courses in Brickwork, Plumbing, Carpentry, Animal Management and Horticulture.

To book your place on a course call Student Services on 01604 491131, email: enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit www.moulton.ac.uk

Supporting success

Starting a new course can be a daunting prospect for students with specific needs, but Moulton College offers students a wide range of support to help them succeed with their studies. Each student has a needs assessment at the start of their course and where appropriate they are then offered individually tailored support. Emphasising the drive for success Senior Tutor, Bridget Walsh, said: "in this way each student understands that their personal progress and achievement is a matter of great importance to the College".

Modern, well-equipped Learning Resource Centres on all the College sites help students to achieve the highest possible grades. Thousands of books, magazines, DVDs and online materials are available to support courses at all levels. Head of Learning Resources, Karen Kelly, who is keen to make learning resources accessible to all said "we provide specialist equipment such as magnifiers, coloured overlays, e-book readers and assistive software. Qualified librarians teach students how to find their way around the library shelves and websites to find the information they need, and Learning Advisors help students to make the most of the fantastic IT facilities we have in the Centres".

The range of support available to Moulton College students means that learning difficulties and disabilities are no longer a barrier to success.

Commercial Training at Moulton's Management Centre

Whether wanting to renew or enhance the qualifications of their staff, or arrange a conference or meeting, the Services to Business team at the Moulton College Management Centre can help. The peaceful rural setting, at the heart of the College's 1200-acre estate, provides an ideal training environment, free from everyday distractions

There is a variety of courses on offer to both individuals and employers, ranging from Health and Safety to Chainsaw, Forklift or Dumper Truck Training. As well as the wide range of accredited courses, bespoke training solutions can be arranged to suit the needs of individual businesses, and training can often be delivered on employers' premises.

The Services to Business team can also help with requirements for meetings and conference facilities. The Management Centre boasts 6 seminar rooms for up to 50 delegates, with full catering facilities available.

Please call the Services to Business team to discuss your requirements on 01604 491131.

IT'S NOT JUST CLIMBING TREES

Moulton College's arboriculture students have always enjoyed working towards qualifications that are well regarded and respected in the arboricultural industry.

Past learners have built on these experiences and most have remained within the industry working for successful tree companies.

Learners benefit from excellent practical and theory teaching and full time students also carry out extensive work experience. Additionally learners usually go on a study tour where they work and learn in a commercial setting.

Moulton students provided evidence of the quality of the teaching and learning by winning the national 'Tree Climbing Competitions' in both 2009 and 2010 with Moulton students winning every important category: the female title, the male title, the team title and a number of preliminary events.

The college offers a full range of tree related courses ranging from one day courses such as 'Chainsaws for Home Users', to the weekly Level 2 Royal Forestry Society (RFS) evening class, and the part time Foundation Degree in Arboriculture. A wide range of full-time courses are on offer from level 2 to honours degree level.

Arboriculture student numbers have grown so much in recent years recent years, that from September the College will offer additional courses at the South Northants Vocational Skills Academy at Silverstone. This will provide a local college facility in the South Northamptonshire area offering a comparable choice of resources and opportunities.

Full time students work towards a primary BTEC qualification, but are also offered the opportunity to complete additional certificates such as first aid, manual handling, and health and safety, together with specific NPTC tree work qualifications for chainsaws, brushwood chippers and stump grinders, all of which help successful students to gain employment.

The wide portfolio of qualifications and work experience gained by Moulton's students enables them to gain a head start in the job market.

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Growing a career in Horticulture

Moulton College's Foundation Degree in Horticulture is popular both with school leavers and with individuals seeking a career change to a rewarding and fulfilling profession.

Successful students obtain employment in many sectors of horticulture, including management positions and some even decide to start their own businesses.

The course includes lectures, hands on activities, demonstrations and visits ensuring that students develop excellent practical skills as well as theoretical knowledge.

At this year's Gardener's World Live Show at the NEC in Birmingham, the gardens designed by Moulton students won several RHS medals. First year student Emma Hall was particularly pleased to secure the prestigious 'Best in Show' award for her garden 'Battle for the Bees', which she designed and built as part of her Foundation Degree course.

In 2010 the Moulton's horticulture staff will be joined by two researchers working towards doctorates in horticultural science at the college. The College and the horticulture industry are investing in the graduates, by funding their progression to PhD level, with the aim that they will then take up leading roles within the industry in the UK.

Limited places for 2010 are still available on the Horticulture Foundation Degree programme at Moulton College.

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Firemen miss bodies in house blaze search

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THE bodies of a mother and child who died in a huge house fire in Fishermead were only discovered a day after the blaze started.

Fire crews made the grisly discovery almost 36 hours later when they returned to the scene in Fishermead Boulevard.

The fire broke out in the early hours of Sunday morning and a woman was rescued from her first-floor bedroom of the multi-occupancy house.

It was originally feared more people may have been trapped, but following a search no-one else was found.

It is understood that at the time the fire service believed everyone from the house had been accounted for.

A major part of the investigation will now focus on the safety of the house and its fire safety precautions.

One firefighter was injured falling through the floor during the first search which was hampered by the severity of the fire and the amount of debris in the room.

A statement released by Bucks Fire Service on Sunday praised the efforts of the 40 firefighters who tackled the blaze adding there were no other people in the property who needed to be rescued.

But following Monday's findings,the service issued a new statement.

It said: "Following a severe fire in Milton Keynes on Sunday, firefighters returned to the scene on Monday to recover the remains of two people who were killed by the blaze.

"The bodies were found during a detailed and forensic investigation of the remains of the property.

"During the fire, crews made efforts to search the house to ensure that all were safely evacuated. Before the search could be completed, a collapse of floors and ceilings severely hampered their rescue efforts. Crews tried to enter the room in which the fatalities occurred from the inside and the outside during the fire. The floor gave way while one of the firefighters was attempting to reach the room from inside the house and he fell through to the floor below.

"The firefighter was taken to hospital, where he was treated for arm and shoulder injuries before being discharged.

"Firefighters extended an aluminium ladder to the bedroom window but were beaten back by the flames and extreme heat."

Grisly find: The remains of a mother and child were found by firemen the day after they had tackled a house fire in Fishermead

The bodies are believed to be those of Bola Ejifunmilayo, 29, and her three-year-old daughter Fiyin from Nigeria.

A police statement issued last night said: "Due to structural damage to the house the bodies have not yet been removed, so formal identification has not taken place and is not expected to for a number of days.

"Scenes of Crime Officers are working with fire investigators to determine the cause of the fire and to ensure the bodies can be recovered and removed as soon as possible."

Superintendant Simon Eatwell said the fire is currently being treated as unexplained.

He added: "We have specially trained officers supporting the family during this difficult time and keeping them fully updated with the progress of the investigation."

Pastor Ayo Ayeola, of the Chapel of Victory church in Great Linford where Bola was a chorister, said she was a nice and interesting young woman with her life in front of her.

He said: "She was loved by everyone and the whole church is grieving and mourning now.

"The fireman I spoke to told me he couldn't give us much information, and told us there were no fatalities - they showed us the manifest of the people evacuated and her name wasn't there.

"We were calling her mobile but it was just going straight to voicemail, she wasn't picking up at all. It was unusual for her not to have got in touch with anyone."

Assistant chief fire officer Des Williamson said: "This is a tragic loss of life and our thoughts are with their relatives and friends.

"The bodies were not found during the initial searches of the scene as firefighters were hampered by the severity of the fire and the amount of debris that had fallen into the room.

"Firefighters searched in the most difficult conditions imaginable. We couldn't have done any more because of the intensity of the fire and the structural collapse within the building."

All the information received during the incident is currently being examined by forensic investigators.

■ If anyone has information about the fire contact police on 0845 8 505 505 and quote URN 1041 7/9, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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Gutted: John Baker next to the burned-out remains of his pigeon loft

Fancier sees birds perish in loft blaze

Arson attack wipes out 30-year pigeon breeding line

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A PIGEON fancier whose birds were killed in an arson attack says he has lost the only things keeping him out of a wheelchair.

Sixty-year-old John Baker, who has arthritis of the spine and emphysema, has been breeding and racing pigeons for more than 40 years.

But in a vicious attack last Wednesday, 27 of his birds were killed in a fire in his loft on Crispin Road, Bradville, wiping out a family line he has been breeding for 30 years.

John said his pigeons got him out of the house every day and were the only things keeping him out of a wheelchair, but although he is distraught he is going to defy the arsonists.

He said: "This isn't going to beat me, no way.

"I'll get my pigeons back up and going again, and I should be up and running before Christmas."

The fire was started at around 10pm while John was watching TV.

He managed to get 14 birds out, before he was stopped by the smoke and flames, and described how he could see the rest burning on the floor.

Hitting back at the arsonists he said: "The birds never did any harm, if they have got a problem with me, why not come and see me?

"They can't have a brain and are just lowlives as far as I'm concerned, I can't see what enjoyment they got out of it.

"You spend three to four hours per day, every day working with pigeons, and they all have their own little quirks, each with their own characters.

"I cultivated the whole business for 30 years, breeding the same family line.

"I'm gutted, just gutted."

Police are now calling for witnesses to come forward.

PC Andrew Glover, investigating the arson, said: "We believe the person or people who did this were aware of what was inside which makes this even more distressing. I would appeal to anyone with information about this incident to contact us."

■ If you have any information contact 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Flat fire death man named

THE 54-year-old man who died in a flat fire in Leighton Buzzard has been named as Liam Canning.

Mr Canning was at home in his first-floor flat in Kilgour Court, Bassett Road, when the blaze started in the early hours of Sunday August 22.

After being rescued by firefighters he was rushed to Chelmsford Hospital, Essex, and treated for burns and smoke inhalation but died on Friday, August 27.

Detectives are keen to piece together Liam's movements on Saturday August 21 between 7.30pm and 12.30am when the fire alarm was activated.

Liam visited Leighton Buzzard earlier in the evening and returned home in a taxi where he was helped into his flat with his shopping by the driver.

The driver has come forward and spoken with police.

Officers are keen to establish if Liam left his flat or received visitors during the evening, as Mr Canning was well known by his neighbours and often left his door open for visitors.

Detective Sergeant Louisa Glynn said: "The cause of the fire is unknown and therefore in order to establish what happened we are keen to hear from anybody who saw anyone visit Liam or spoke with him during the evening.

"Liam may have left his flat and someone may have seen or spoken with him during the evening."

A 42-year-old woman was arrested in connection with the fire and released on police bail pending further enquiries.

■ Anyone with information can contact Bedfordshire Police on 01582 473235 or 01234 841212, text 07786 200011, or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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Mum's tribute to A5 death student

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE mother of a 15-year-old boy, killed on the A5 when he was hit by a car, has paid a moving tribute to her shy and caring son.

Debbie Dyer, 46, has spoken to MK NEWS about what kind of boy Connor was.

She said: "Connor will be missed a lot.

"He was very mature for his age. You could lean on him in a crisis, and he was very good with other people, really understanding.

"He was very quiet, and didn't really go out much, but he had lots of friends at school."

Connor, of Kingsfold, Bradville, had run away from home and was reported missing by Debbie at 1.55am on Friday morning, when an extensive search was launched and police dogs were used to try and find him.

He was hit by a silver Toyota Avensis at 3.36am on the northbound carriageway of the A5 between the Abbey Hill roundabout and Old Stratford, and pronounced dead at the scene.

Debbie said: "I'm just shocked and very upset – it's like he's just gone away, I don't believe it really.

"I just really want to say thank you to everyone who has given me good wishes, it's been really nice and very helpful."

Shy student Connor Dyer was killed by a car after running away from home

Connor, a student at Stantonbury Campus, was a music fan who loved to play the electric guitar and listen to Jimi Hendrix, and hoped to stay on at school before going to university and potentially going into a career in music.

He leaves behind a 12-year-old brother, who is said to be coping well.

A Facebook tribute has been set up by friends, and already messages are flooding in with over 500 people having joined the group.

One friend, Thomas Agintas, wrote: "r.i.p. connor sadly missed very sound person to know and a very good mate i wos lucky enough to know you."

Another, Hannah Dunknoee' Handley, said: "Rest in peace connor! you'll be missed dearly :(you was there 4 me. always helped me with my work! :D. always makein people smile :-) . it was a shock wen i got told :-/. REST'IN PEACE. always in our hearts."

Debbie said: "The Facebook group is really nice, I didn't think there would be that many tributes."

A Stantonbury Campus spokesman said: "We were all very sad to learn of the tragic traffic incident that killed Connor on Friday morning. Our thoughts and sympathy are with Connor's family as they try to come to terms with this terrible loss.

"Connor was a pleasant and quiet student who focused on his learning in lessons and strove to do his best.

"He will be sadly missed by everyone - members of his tutor group, other friends and the staff who taught and knew him."

No arrests have been made, and an inquest into his death is due to be opened on Thursday.

Twenty six pieces of street funiture along a section of the Stoke Road in Water Eaton

Bollards to street signs

PLANS to bin roadside 'trash' have been rubbished by one councillor who says the city needs its signs.

Central Government supremos Eric Pickles and transport secretary Philip Hammond called on council bosses last week to reduce the amount of street signs, bollards, billboards and railings that litter Britain's roadsides.

They said the unnecessary clutter is a waste of money and ruins the English character of town centres.

But Cllr John Bint, a member of Milton Keynes Council's Sustainable Transport and Road Safety Forum, said the city's signs are essential for a growing population.

He said: "Although I support the generality of Mr Pickles' proposals, I believe places like Milton Keynes, that have lots of new residents, need sufficient signposting for everyone to get to their destination and for everyone to learn about all the amenities in the area.

"We need suitable signs for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as bus and car users.

"Broughton is a great example, where we have some superb local shops. Residents within the Broughton area, and other people travelling along the V11 gridroad, need sufficient signs to find out about these great amenities."

Do you think there is too much roadside 'trash'in MK ? Let us know what you think. E-mail editor@mk-news.co.uk

Jury out in father under concrete murder case

JURORS in the Mark Alexander murder trial have retired to consider their verdict.

The 22-year-old King's College law student is accused of murdering his father Samuel, 70, then dismembering his body and burying it under concrete at his home in Drayton Parslow.

Both prosecution and defence arguments have now been heard, and the jury retired on Monday afternoon.

He denies all charges, including two of perverting the course of justice and one of unlawfully disposing of a body.

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Student's A-levels were 'entirely appropriate'

SIR – I would like to respond to your correspondent 'Quality not quantity is key for A-levels' (letters last week).

Here at MK College we are fully aware of the most appropriate subjects for students to study at A-level in order to progress to particular courses at university.

The student in question had already completed A-levels in English, law, philosophy and psychology, achieving 'A' grades in all of these, before she decided that she wanted to pursue a career in medicine.

We then advised her to take A-levels in biology and chemistry on a 'fast track' basis (AS and A2 in one year); again she passed these with 'A' grades. During her time with us we worked with her to ensure that her 'new' UCAS application was timely and appropriate and that her personal statement addressed her change of direction.

I agree that the subjects studied may affect a student's likely success in gaining a place at university and this is why we give students a great deal of support in choosing both their A-level courses and in making their university applications.

In this case the subject choices were entirely appropriate and the grades consistently excellent and this is why we felt that the student was unfortunate not to be offered a place.

Duncan Lovell
Head of MK6, MK College

Labour champ

SIR – Through the pages of MK NEWS I would like to thank the members of Milton Keynes North for nominating me as next Leader of the Labour Party.

Winning back the voters Labour lost won't be easy. Labour has to change, to listen and to become the change that Britain needs.

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I am honoured to have the support of Milton Keynes North party members in my campaign. I promise I won't let you down and that together we will rebuild our party and win for our values.

Local party members have had their say, in a few days millions of party members and members of trade unions will be asked to decide on who should be Labour's Leader. I would urge all Milton Keynes News readers to use their vote and to visit www.davidmiliband.net to join the debate on Britain's Future.

Rt Hon David Miliband MP

Become a volunteer and end up in court

Trevor Leach with club vice chairman Phillipa Callcut and Vanda Joss

SIR – 'Become a volunteer, help your local community' we are urged by the Government.

What an awful warning against this (especially against becoming a trustee) is recorded in MKNEWS, September 1.

Trevor Leach and Vanda Joss, two ordinary, honest citizens, have devoted many years of their lives voluntarily providing sporting facilities for the people of Milton Keynes.

In doing so, they have saved the local council the costs of providing a service which should have been its responsibility.

By helping people to keep fit, they probably reduced demand on local health services.

How have they been rewarded? By being taken to court for the astonishing sum of £160,000 (possibly plus costs).

How has this arisen? It would seem that officers of Milton Keynes Council have been remiss in carrying out their duty for a number of years to allow this situation to arise, and for such a large sum to be involved.

It is sad to compare the treatment that Trevor and Vanda are receiving with that of the lady who was a voluntary swimming coach for many years.

Quite rightly, she received praise and awards for her dedicated service.

The mistake that the 'Woughton Two' made was to take their voluntary work further and become trustees, involving financial dealings with Milton Keynes Council.

I hope that, if Trevor and Vanda lose their case, MKNEWS will set up a fund to help them raise the money they need. All those who have benefitted from the sports facilities at Woughton-on-the Green, will then be able to contribute, and repay something for all their years of dedicated, unselfish work for the community.

Chris Simpson
Whalley Drive, Bletchley

Unprincipled pass rates

SIR – Re last week's letter headed 'Good Lord Grey'.

It is perhaps a pity that it would appear that the Ofsted inspection undertaken at Lord Grey School toward the end of the academic year just gone, and the subsequent report, has not received better publicity. A quick read of the inspection outcome on the Ofsted website might well have caused a different letter to have beeen published.

It is very easy to improve the GCSE pass rates in any school simply by putting the emphasise on 'teaching to the exam'.

This emphasis is now an endemic, essential and inescapable requirement within the education system which has inevitably lead some higher education institutions to introduce basic and remedial 'pre-course courses in numeracy and literacy for new university students.

A fundamental re-assessment of the Key Stages 3 and 4 curriculum needs to ensure that this nation's future generation's education is sound, effective, secular and suited fully to the needs of society as a whole.

A continuation of the present devisive approach is nothing but a self destruct option.

Name and address supplied

Lost luggage

SIR – On Sunday, May 23 I travelled on a National Express Coach from Milton Keynes to Darlington – the 425 London to Newcastle.

It left MK at 11.05am, very crowded, stopping at Leeds, Ripon and Harrogate. Quite a few people got off at Leeds and a great crowd got on.

When I arrived at Darlington I stood in disbelief for about ten minutes or seemed like, my case was not on the coach.

I hadn't seen it put on the coach as I was busy with my tickets but tthe driver assured me that it was and it wasn't on the pavement so I knew that I was OK.

My case was a pull along black trolley case with a blue luggage label with my name and address and yellow and blue ribbons on the handle.

So there I was at Darlington, after five hours travelling, in the clothes I stood up in and a handbag.

At first I thought my case had been taken by mistake but now four months later I know it has been stolen.

A lot of letters have passed between me and National Express, who have been sympathetic, the police have been notified both here and in Leeds, but to no avail.

I've lost personnel things which are no good to anyone else and it is upsetting.

I travel up to Yorkshire quite often so I don't take out insurance just for a bus journey with one small case.

A letter from National Express said: 'While I appreciate your comments, all luggage placed in the hold is carried at the passengers own risk... our drivers cannot be expected to remember the luggage each individual passenger is carrying from the various destinations enroute'.

People have no idea who is taking what off a coach, nobody seems to care about lost luggage, I wish somebody would do something about it and the person who took mine hopefully will get there comeuppance one day.

K Hewson
Nettlecombe, Furzton

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Birds were being kept in an aviary covered in faeces and left with only dirty water to drink and no food

Pigeons, chickens and doves were left with no food

Woman banned from keeping animals after guinea pigs and dog found in 'unsuitable environment'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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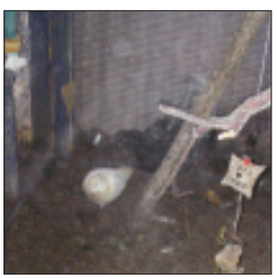
AN 'animal lover' has been banned from keeping any pets for two years after pleading guilty to four charges of causing unnecessary suffering,

Shelley Reed, 30, of Summergill Court, Heelands, appeared at magistrates' court on Friday after RSPCA inspectors found dozens of animals in terrible conditions at her home last year.

Fourteen doves and pigeons and five chickens were being kept in an aviary covered in faeces, left with only dirty water to drink and no food.

Inspectors also found five guinea pigs and a dog which were being kept in an unsuitable environment that they wanted removed from Reed's care.

Magistrates decided to remove all the animals from her care and hand her a fine and a two-year ban on all animals.



Pictures by RSPCA

They heard how the RSPCA made several attempts to reach her but she was never available, so police had to obtain a warrant to enter her house.

Inside they found rubbish in all the rooms and chicken faeces on the bathroom floor.

Vets suspected the birds hadn't been cleaned for four weeks and their body scores were low, suggesting they were suffering from hunger.

Mr McCole, prosecuting, said: "The conditions were not those you would expect a person to be living in themselves, let alone animals."

She admitted all four charges but fought to keep the dog, a Staffordshire bull terrier named Tess, as she had 'a very strong bond' to her.

Mr Gough, defending, said: "This is a very desperate situation.

"She has no family around and her mother passed away about three years ago. She's a young woman with a number of problems and finds it very difficult coping with life, so she tried to find solice in caring for animals.

"An unfortunate young woman desperate for attention, she has very limited support from friends and has difficulty coping and looking after herself let alone any animals.

"She's an animal lover and is desperate to continue to look after the dog Tess."

Her plea was turned down.

RSPCA inspector David Braybrooke, who visited her house, said: "Obviously the best result is that we have got the animals which we can now rehome.

"A slightly longer ban would have been preferable but anything is better than nothing.

"My advice to anyone is all you have to do is feed, water, clean and give animals proper shelter, and you won't get a knock on the door from us.

"If we give you advice take it - I told her before to look after her animals properly. If you need help, by all means ring us up and let us know. Miss Reed had that avenue."

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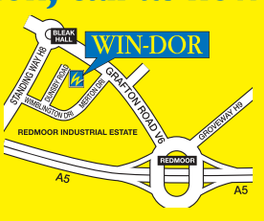

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Stephen Morris of Bus Users UK with Peter Ballantyne at the meeting to set up MK Bus Users' Group

Bus users get a voice in MK BUG

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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MILTON Keynes Bus Users' Group (MK BUG) is finally up and running.

A self-elected steering group of 23 was decided on September 3, after much heated discussion and debate.

The official committee will be determined in October.

Peter Ballantyne, interim chairman, said: "The Bus Users Group is being set up completely independently, so that we can work with, criticise and monitor both the council and the bus companies.

"This is a very positive move and it is important that bus users now have a voice. The new group will endeavour to develop the relationships with the providers and ensure we get a bus service that we can be proud of and worthy of the city."

The meeting included young mothers, Arriva, pensioners and the disabled, the Chamber of Commerce, Passenger Focus, local politicians and Bus Users UK.

Linsey Frostick, Arriva marketing manager, said: "It was pleasing to see so many people wanting to be part of the user group, the start of the group was slower than we may have hoped but with a steering group formed we hope to work with the members in the future.

"We work with several well established bus user groups across our region and they are an excellent way for us to keep in regular contact with our customers. The groups also provide a platform for us to consult regarding changes to services and policies. We hope the MK group is as successful and we look forward to receiving some positive suggestions and comments in the future."

A number of complaints were raised – one woman said she had spent £42.50 in phone calls making unresolved complaints.

Edward Butler-Ellis, committee member of MK BUG steering group, said: "The meeting was a shambles. Some members of the public were so frustrated that they got up and walked out.

"I was, however, happy to see so many people turn up to the meeting. And while I was happy to see the council and Arriva taking an interest in the group, the group must remain independent – as was agreed by all."

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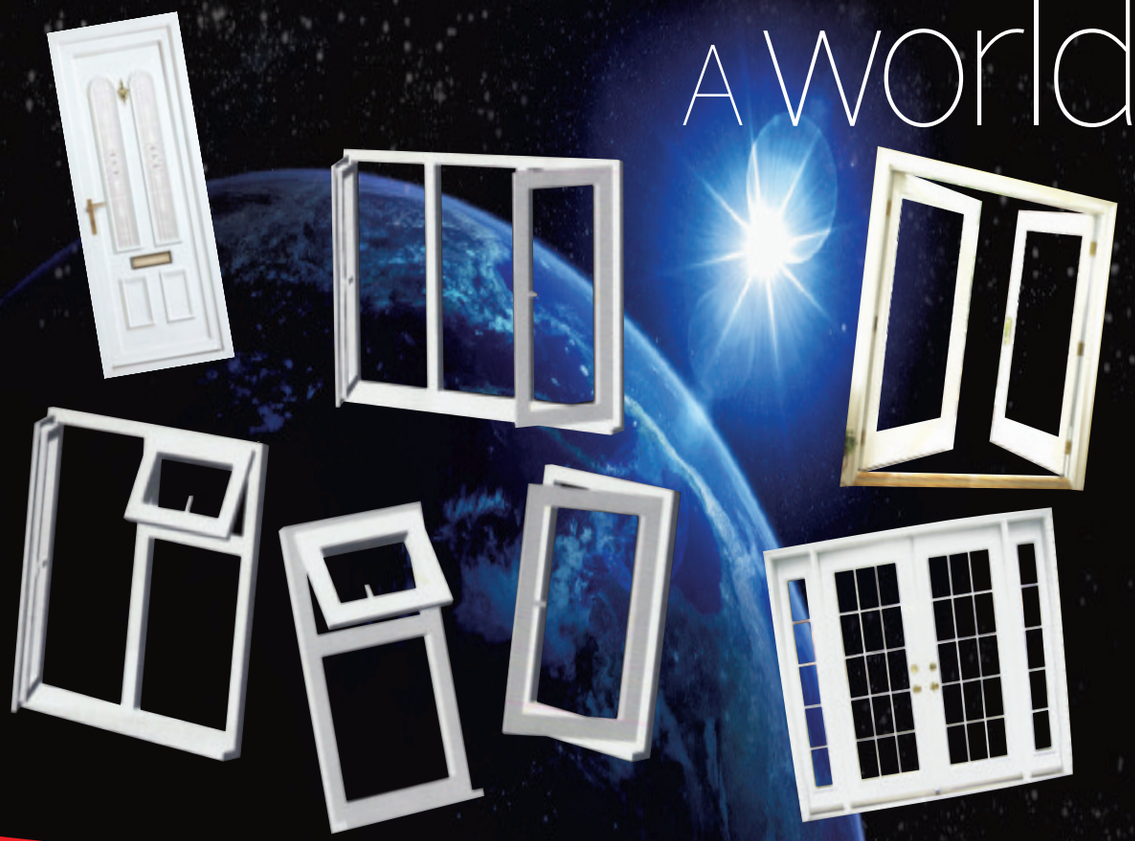

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Steve Cunningham leaves the Food Bank at The Christian Centre in Oldbrook

Food Bank proves a benefit to needy

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A CITY charity is making sure that no one goes hungry.

Food Bank is a Christian organisation which 'gives people a hand up, not a hand out' by donating food to the needy.

Project manager at Food Bank – Sainsbury's Local Charity of the Year 2009 – Sue Wall, said: "Our main service aims to provide emergency food parcels to local families or individuals who hit a short term crisis, before professional care services come into play.

"Not long ago we did a survey to see how we were doing and, much to my surprise, a social worker said had we not have provided a certain family with food, the children would have been put into care.

"We treat people with respect so they can maintain their dignity through the hard times. We work through referral agencies to be sure the person's need is genuine and that they are getting adequate support to move them to a sustainable position.

"We also work with schools, GP surgeries and churches.

"Problems with benefits are the main reason people may need to use the Food Bank – when a persons circumstances change it can often mean benefits are stopped and then restarted again – taking a minimum of two weeks."

Food Bank's parcels are also not only feeding the people, but giving them a balanced diet, having been checked by a hospital dietician.

On a list of all the areas of Milton Keynes who use Food Bank, the place at the top of the list by a high majority is Bletchley, followed by Fishermead.

A client of the Food Bank service in Oldbrook, Tom Beaumont, 26, of North Seventh Street, said: "Without this place, I don't know where I'd be. Starving probably.

"We have to walk from where we live in the city centre, but at the end of the day I've been out of work since the new year, and I have to feed my two-year-old daughter and myself.

"I'm a skilled carpenter by trade, but now I'm living in the YMCA buildings. I've been sleeping on the floor for the past two weeks until I got my mattress."

Food Bank is asking people at Harvest Festival to donate all they can.

More than 2,500 food parcels have been given out this year – half as much again as during the same period last year – a figure, Sue said, is very concerning as they expect to go through the 4,000 food parcel mark by the end of the year.

The charity is also hoping to set-up a scheme by which people can donate £3 a month – allowing it to expand and deliver to the disabled and elderly.

■ For more information visit www.thefoodbank@mkcc.org.uk or call 01908 322800.

Clive Lewis unloads bags of food ready for distribution

> When a person's circumstances change it can often mean benefits are stopped and then restarted again – taking a minimum of two weeks
>
> – Sue Wall: Project manager at Food Bank

Helen Gray helps Tom Beaumont with a donation

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Airgun attack on boy's pet kitten

A YOUNG family has been left distraught after their pet kitten was shot twice with a pellet gun.

Sixteen-week-old Gizmo, pet of two-year-old Jake Clark, is believed to have been in the garden of their Barnsbury Gardens home, Newport Pagnell, when she was shot.

Now mum Louise, 22, said she is too frightened to let Jake and the cat out in the garden on their own, and is even considering moving house.

She said: "The thought of someone doing that is absolutely horrible. It wasn't enough to shoot her once, they had to get her again. It's just not acceptable.

"If my little boy had been out with the cat at the time, and he had been shot, it could have been even worse."

Louise went shopping for an hour on the morning of Wednesday, August 25, and left the window open so Gizmo could go outside.

She returned to find the cat limping, and so took her straight to the vets.

She said: "I thought she had broken her leg, but the vet found a wound in her shoulder.

"It looked like teeth marks, so the vet asked if she could have been grabbed by anything.

"Then they took an x-ray and found a pellet that had gone thrugh her shoulder and into her chest."

"I was devastated, it was just horrible."

It was only a few days later, when Gizmo had been taken to a specialist hospital in London, that they discovered the second pellet in her other leg.

PC Terry Capel said: "This is a callous and cowardly thing to do to a defenceless animal. Gizmo is still only a kitten and this attack has left her badly injured. Because she is so young she only goes out in the back garden at the moment so we are certain it must have happened there.

"I would ask anyone who knows who did this or witnessed anything that morning to contact police. Firing an airgun can be extremely dangerous and we need to catch these offenders before they do anymore damage."

Young Jake Clark with uncle Rees and Gizmo, below

Police are now appealing for witnesses, and anyone with any information should call 0845 8 505 505.

Jobs on line at RBS centre

THE Royal Bank of Scotland is to close its Silbury Boulevard centre putting around 200 jobs at risk.

The centre is one of 12 closing as part of the company's national downsizing and is expected to be complete by 2012.

An RBS spokesman said: "Having to cut jobs is the most difficult part of our work to rebuild RBS and repay taxpayers for their support.

"There will be redeployment opportunities available, as we have many skilled, valuable workers at that office.

"Of course, there will be people who wish to work elsewhere who will take a form of redundancy, but for others there will be jobs within the company.

"We will do all we can to support our staff, offer redeployment opportunities wherever possible and keep compulsory redundancies to an absolute minimum."

The downsizing comes after RBS reported a loss of £24.1bn for 2008, the largest annual loss in UK corporate history.

Rob MacGregor, Unite national officer, said: "The news that the Royal Bank of Scotland is to cut another 3,500 staff from across the UK is a horror story."

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Victim watched as four burglars stole from flat

FOUR men have been released on bail after they forced their way into a flat and threatened a man with knives.

The burglary happened at around 12.30am at a first floor flat in Gunards Avenue, Fishermead on August 29.

The victim escaped by jumping out of the living room window onto the street below. He then hid from view and contacted police whilst watching the offenders taking property from his flat including a laptop, mobile phone, camcorder, trainers and clothing.

Anyone with information should contact DC John Swallow at Milton Keynes police station via the 24-hour non-emergency number on 0845 8 505 505. Or you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Theft and drug charges

TWO Bradwell boys have been charged with theft, drug, and handling offences.

A 15-year-old boy and a 17-year-old boy were charged with three counts of theft from motor vehicles on September 1.

The 15-year-old was also charged with possession of cannabis and the 17-year-old with receiving stolen goods.

Both have been released on bail and are due at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court at a later date.

Plates used in fuel theft

A MAN has been charged with theft of number plates and theft of fuel.

Mohammed Saddique Ahmed, 20, of Favell Drive, Furzton, was charged with one count of theft from a motor vehicle and one of making off without payment.

Ahmed has been released on bail and is due to appear at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court at a later date.

The charges are in connection with the theft of front and rear number plates from a vehicle in Maidstone Road, Kingston, on February 8. The stolen plates were then used on a red Mitsubishi, later that evening at the BP service station, H6 Childs Way, to steal fuel.

Match-day atmosphere: Soccer Sight's Martin Thorpe and John Creasey

Hospital radio brings match commentary to stadiummk

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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VISUALLY-IMPAIRED football supporters can enjoy the action at stadiummk through a service offered by MK Dons and Milton Keynes Hospital Radio.

Soccer Sight, set-up by the Royal National Institution for the Blind, is a project which aims to bring quality football commentary to blind and partially sighted people at every professional football club in the UK.

Low power radio transmitters are used to pick up live commentary by Milton Keynes Hospital Radio, and is received through special headsets which allow fans to sit anywhere in the ground to soak up the atmosphere.

The Soccer Sight programme began operating at the club late last season, and this is the first full campaign that Dons supporters can enjoy the service.

And patients at Milton Keynes Hospital will also benefit from clearer broadcasts this season as the Hospital Radio station, who broadcast every home match live, are using the latest technology for a crisper sound.

The new system has been provided with help from the BT Community Connections scheme, which has donated computer equipment and services.

Lead commentator Martin Thorpe said: "We were already at stadiummk broadcasting our commentary back to the patients at the hospital.

"It was such a simple concept to plug the radio transmitter into our equipment to allow people within the ground to listen to our commentary too.

"We were delighted to be asked to be involved in making football in Milton Keynes more accessible in this way."

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Celebrate ten years of snow

SNO!zone, the UK's only chain of indoor real snow slopes, is 10 years old this September and to celebrate it is launching a month of birthday offers.

During its birthday month, SNO!zone in Milton Keynes is offering visitors the opportunity to learn to ski or snowboard in preparation for the winter season with beginner and advanced level lessons available at selected times for just £10.

For those who have already reached the minimum standard, SNO!zone will also be offering recreational time on its main slope for £10 per hour at selected times.

Families can also have fun on the slopes this month with sledging or ice sliding priced at £10 for an adult and child and warm up afterwards in the alpine themed SNO!bars at each centre with tea priced at 10p! Plus, book a children's party in September and the birthday child goes for 10p!

To celebrate it's 10th birthday, SNO!zone has joined up with MK NEWS to offer two children the chance to win a weekday party with nine of their friends, where they'll enjoy up to 45 minutes of sledging fun on the slope followed by a party meal and goodies.

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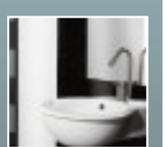

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Month-long water leak caused puny parsnips

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A WOMAN says her plants have been ruined and two dogs got ill after a water leak flooded part of her garden.

Stagnant water had been gathering in her back garden for a month.

Joyce Hall, of Broadlands, Netherfield, said: "My garden is my place to relax. I called the water board four times – three times myself and once the parish council rang on my behalf.

"Each time I got a different response.

"The water's now been there for well over a month and a stagnant smell keeps coming from it.

"We pay enough for our water – and there's loads out there."

Joyce's neighbour, Diane Anderson, has had to take her dogs to a vet, as they have had upset stomach' - a result, she said, of drinking water from the flood.

She said: "It's cost me £42 for two lots of tablets from the vet for my dogs. The vet said they had eaten something which had harmed them, and agreed it could be from stagnant water. They've never been ill before.

"There's a stream of it running through my garden. I can't afford to take my dogs to the vets every week."

Joyce Hall with her under-sized parnips and beet-root caused, she says, by a month-long water leak

Anglian Water spokeswoman Anne-Marie Hamill, said: "We can confirm that there was a six-inch burst at the junction of Saxon Street and Broadlands and we are carrying out repairs.

"We acknowledge that this job was not allocated to the appropriate priority however as it involved fresh drinking water there was no risk to public health.

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THIS summer holiday wasn't the usual Mission:Impossible for parents.

The council's Extended Services Team has been proving to local families that keeping children entertained in the summer holidays needn't cost the earth, by setting them a series of tasks.

Parent support advisors, extended services coordinators and children's centre staff teamed up with community mobilisers and Woughton Parish Council to hold activities during the first four weeks of the holidays for children in the Woughton Small Schools Cluster.

The team created five Mission:Impossible sessions which encouraged parents and children to work together to create things and find out information, like decorating cupcakes and finding contact details for council services.

They were given no clues but had to work together to complete the tasks as quickly as they could.

Other sessions organised by the team included putting on a fashion show, multi-sports, den building, arts and crafts and African drumming.

Parent support advisor Ana-Maria Jones said: "The creativity of the children and parents at the sessions was amazing.

"We planted a seed with a small task and they unleashed this amazing imagination and resourcefulness which saw brilliant results.

"Not only were the activities fun, they also enabled parents and children to think through things, discuss and simply have one-on-one time together."

Children and parents enjoy their Mission:Impossible tasks with the council's Extended Services Team

Purses rifled as men con pensioner

CONMEN fooled a pensioner into thinking she was helping them out only to steal money from her house.

A smartly-dressed man approached the woman, who is in her 70s, at her back garden in Leighton Buzzard and asked her if she wanted any jobs doing.

The victim declined and a few minutes later another man appeared and asked if she had seen his friend.

The man kept the woman talking for around five minutes and left.

She was then alerted by a neighbour and told a man had just climbed through the front window. She searched her property and discovered cash had been removed from various purses in the house.

The incident happened at 2.45pm on Wednesday, September 1.

DS Sean Quinn, investigating, said one of the offenders was white, 5ft tall, with a stocky build and he wore a navy blue suit.

He said: "I would like to speak to anyone who saw the men hanging around East Street."

He offers the following advice:

"Always use a door chain or spy-hole to check who is calling. Shut and lock the back door before you open the front these offenders often work in pairs.

"Always stay with the caller while they are in your home. You should be suspicious if they want to look round on their own.

"Never show anyone where you keep valuables. Do not keep large amounts of money in the house even if you think it is well hidden.

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11% UPLIFT FOR LORD GREY SCHOOL

Lord Grey School in Bletchley is delighted by its GCSE results for summer 2010.

The headline figure of 5+A*-C including English and Maths is up by 11% to 39%. This is a fantastic achievement after the disappointing showing in 2009. Five GCSEs at C grade or above is also up, to 48%, a rise of 10% on last year. The Headteacher, Dr Tracey Jones, commented: **"I inherited a set of examination results which put the school into National Challenge last year. I am totally thrilled that we have now comfortably passed the government's threshold for this label (30%5+A*-C) by a considerable margin and the school is back where it should be in terms of results.** Indeed this is our best year for quite some time. We can start to build on this and push on even further. These good results are due to the hard work of the staff and the students. We have been very focused on raising attainment at Key Stage Four'.

Other key indicators are also up. Students achieving 5+A*-G grades

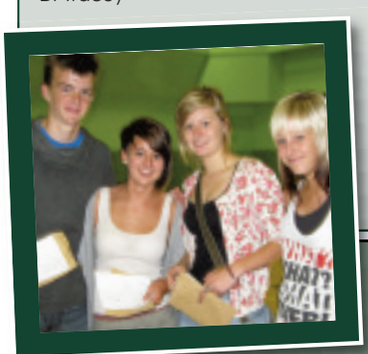
are up by 7% on last year, at 95% and this is the best ever result in this category. The figure for students gaining C grades or above in Maths and English is up by 12%. There is a 3% uplift for students achieving Functional English and Maths at Level 1 and the average total point score per pupil (uncapped) is up by a staggering 47 points. This equates to the equivalent of one extra B grade for every student in Year 11. In addition to this there are some excellent results for the current Year 10 in Maths modules, BTEC Business, BTEC Sport and Language Asset exams. The Chair of Governors, Mrs Madeleine Carrington,commented: 'this bodes well for the future. It is a promising position to be in. We are pleased with the improved results and confident that the school is really turning things around after some difficulties'.

Lord Grey's top candidates were **Joshua Stevenson-Hoare with 554 points from 1 A* in Maths, 8 A grades, 2 B grades and 1 C grade. Cameron Lucas gained 527 points with 4 A grades, 5 Bs and 2 Cs. Erika Davies gained 524 points with 1 A*, 2As, 7Bs and 2Cs. Other strongly performing students were Christina Carrara, Abigail Welch, Samuel York, Masie Foster, Munim Hussain, Natalie Rich and Robert Simpson and Jonathon Tonkin and Heather Spalding.**

The two key subjects of Maths and English fared well. Maths, up by 12.5% on the previous year, English up by over 6%. Business Studies, Graphics, English Literature, Geography, German, History and Additional Science all went up from 2009. Sixteen subjects gained a 100% pass rate and Italian and Bengali gained 100% C grade or above, which is pleasing given that Lord Grey is a Languages College. BTEC Business was also a success story with 87.5% pass at C grade or above (equivalent to two GCSEs) and 4 Distinctions (A*/A) and 4 Merits (B).

LORD GREY ON THE WAY BACK UP!

Lord Grey School in Bletchley is once again encouraged by its A2 results for Year 13 students for the summer of 2010. The pass rate at A2 stands at 97%, which is in line with the national average. For the first time ever the school has gained A* grades in Maths, Art and Film Studies. A* to B grades stand at a very pleasing 33%, up a creditable 9% on the previous year. Indeed this figure is at its highest level ever and is due to the fact that the school has been having a focused 'push' on the achievement of its able, gifted and talented students. A* to C grades are also up by 8%, from 54% in 2009 to 62% this year. There were only six fail (U) grades from over two hundred entries. The Headteacher, Dr Tracey Jones, said: **"I am very pleased by these figures. It is testimony to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. These positive results show that Lord Grey is certainly on the road to recovery. In our next Ofsted inspection, on the back of these results, I anticipate that our Sixth Form will be graded as good".**



Head of Sixth Form, Dr Jo Trevenna commented: "Lord Grey's A level results have been consistently good for the past four years now and this is a fantastic indicator of the school's drive to encourage achievement. Every year we strive to improve and live up to our motto of **"Aspire, Learn, Achieve".**

There are some fantastic stories of individual success, such as Nana Ofosu, Nazira Begum and Cameron Davidson who gained A* grades at A level; Sally Sui was the school's highest point scoring student at A level and Lauren Simmonds worked exceptionally hard to gain four A levels in Film Studies (A), Media Studies (A), English Literature (B) and Drama (B). Also, due to these pleasing results the school has three Year 12 students now positioned for Oxbridge applications.

Individual subjects which have done well at A2 level are English Literature, Maths, Business and Economics, Art, Drama, Media Studies, Film Studies, Italian, DT Product Design, French, Music Technology, Travel and Tourism, Vocational Business and History. Indeed most subjects gained a 100% pass rate at A2 level.

The school is also happy that the vast majority of those students applying for university or higher education have secured a place, with most getting their first choice. The Head of Sixth Form confirmed that the majority of those students who wish to move on to university or higher education have achieved the points score or grades to do so.

Deputy Headteacher, Mr Richard Sutton, commented: "these results bode well for our ground-breaking post 16 initiative with Leon School, which is now well established as 'MK South Sixth Form', in which Level 2 and 3 provision is shared across the two institutions, working in close partnership. These results show this collaboration is going from strength to strength".

The school is also pleased with progress at AS level for Year 12.The pass rate has gone up by 4% on 2009 and the A*- C rate has gone up slightly too. Success stories here are the new Extended Project, which gained an A* grade and 100% pass and full pass rates in Maths, Art, Drama, Media Studies, German, Italian, Music, Music Technology and PE.

The Headteacher commented: **"It is very exciting that many subjects are up on last year at AS level, in fact too many to list. We also watch with interest the progress of the new Creative and Media Diploma as this course will complete, for the first time, in the summer of 2011 and it will be interesting to see how it fares overall".**

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Businessman set to get on his bike for cancer charity

Martyn Ryan will be taking part in Sunday's Get On Your Bike MK in memory of his dad

BUSINESSMAN Martyn Ryan will be getting on his bike on Sunday for a cause close to his heart.

In October last year his 74-year-old father Phil was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and passed away in March.

Now Martyn, 39, will be tackling a 15-mile cycle around the city for Get On Your Bike MK 2010, to prevent families going through the same heartache his has had to endure by raising money for Cancer Research UK.

He said: "My dad was one of the most influential people I'll ever meet. He used to say 'I can go anywhere in the world and no-one can point a finger at me', because he never did any harm.

"At his funeral it was like Wembley Stadium, there were so many people there.

"I don't want other families to go through what my family and I have gone through, and if I can make a difference to just one life then I think I've done something that my dad would be proud of."

Starting from the Hilton hotel, participants can do either a seven or 15-mile ride around Milton Keynes while raising money.

■ To take part, download a form from www.getonyourbikemk.org

■ To donate, see www.justgiving.com/martyn-ryan

Two top acts at Girls' Night Out

A WORLD famous vocalist and coach will be performing in Bletchley in aid of charity on Friday.

Carrie Grant, former singing coach on Pop Idol and Fame Academy, will take to the stage alongside comedienne, Jo Enright, to perform in aid of World Vision's Girls' Night Out.

The event, hosted by St Mary's Church, Bletchley, invites women of all ages to be entertained and inspired.

Carrie said: "Vaishali is in Bihar, India's poorest state, yet World Vision is the only development agency in that region. The charity commits to working with communities for at least 15 years to create real change for children."

Singer and celebrity vocal coach Carrie Grant will host the UK debut of an inspirational event from international children's charity World Vision

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When you harvest your potatoes take care to remove all the tubers. Any left behind will not only sprout next year and become a weed but will also be a reservoir for disease and potato blight spores. It's often worth forking over the patch a few days after harvesting potatoes because every so often it seems that more miraculously appear! It's best to harvest potatoes fairly early in the day, rinse them off as they come from the ground and then leave in the sunlight (hopefully, there will be sunshine this month) for a day to thoroughly dry off and harden the skins before storing.

Lift main crop carrots, cutting off the tops. Use split roots as soon as possible, store other roots in layers of sand in seed boxes and keep in a frost-free shed. Lift beetroot when they are the size of cricket balls and store in the same way.
Keep an eye on your brassicas for butterfly eggs and caterpillars, these will most probably be under the leaves.

Days are getting shorter and sun strength is diminishing. So to make the most of all the light, it's time to remove any shading on the outside of greenhouse glass.
Greenhouse pests should be declining but keep an eye out if the weather is good. Red spider mite, in particular, though, should be watched out for. They like a hot, dry atmosphere so misting plants daily and damping down the paths and beds with plain water will help to deter them.

Keep feeding your tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers to ensure full fruiting until the end of the season. It's not really worthwhile feeding other plants at this time of year as they are nearly finished and the nutrients are best saved for the spring. Keep the side shoots in under control on the tomatoes.

Spring Bulbs

Now is the time to plant spring bulbs. Get daffodils in by mid-September, along with fritillaries, crocuses and grape hyacinths. Tulip bulbs are best left until November. Spring

bulbs don't just provide us with a burst of colour to remind us that summer is on its way. They provide insects with nectar, which is essential for feeding them up again after their long winter sleep.

Compost Heap

Start your compost going by buying a compost bin or building a partially enclosed and easily accessible area for a heap. It is essential to replace the goodness in soil and autumn produces quantities of garden waste that will add invaluable organic richness back into your soil next spring. Remember to add a variety of different materials. Poor quality vegetable plant failures are ideal but never add diseased or pest-ridden material to your compost heap.

Planting Trees

This is the perfect time for all tree planting. To plant a container-grown tree, dig a hole that is larger than the root ball. Water the tree whilst it is still in the container to make it easy to remove. Place the tree in the hole and refill the hole with soil mixed with some organic matter. When the hole is filled in and firmed you might make a little wall with some of the in-fill soil in a circle around the tree about 2 feet away from it. This makes an area that can be filled with water so the roots are certain of getting a good soaking. Also, consider using a chopped off hosepipe put into the hole when planting into which you can pour water, thereby taking the water straight down to the roots. Lack of water is a common cause of death in container-grown trees. To secure a container-grown tree drive two 2 inch stakes 18 inches into the soil within the soil walls. Once driven into the soil they should come one third of the way up the tree. Then nail a third piece of wood to the two stakes to form a crossbar. Secure the tree to the crossbar with a suitable plant-tie (one designed to prevent rubbing). Water the tree regularly and thoroughly and about six weeks after planting level out the soil wall and mulch around the roots with well-rotted manure or compost.

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Migrant birds such as swallows and house martins will begin flying south for the winter so keep bird feeders and birdbaths topped up to encourage more birds to visit your garden as autumn sets in.

Remember that autumn is nature's time for planting shrubs and trees. Buy and plant them while soils are still warm but adequately moist.

Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible. Take semi-ripe cuttings of evergreen shrubs such as Cistus, Ceanothus and Viburnum. Take hardwood cuttings of roses, choosing well-ripened, healthy shoots. Give evergreen hedges a final trim to make sure they are in shape for winter.

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Restaurant raises flood relief cash

A RESTAURANT in Wolverton has helped raise money to aid flood victims in Pakistan.

Verandah Talk, in Stratford Road, held the evening on Friday, August 10 which was attended by Mayor Debbie Brock and several local councillors.

An auction conducted by John Woolett was held on the night, items inlcuded a return ticket to Pakistan donated by Saddique Ahmed of Express Aviation.

All food and drink was donated by the restaurant and the event raised £5,150.

The fundraising is set to continue with an Eid party to be held at the restaurant on September 18.

MK mayor Cllr Debbie Brock with Varandah Talk boss Taj Raja

Scrapped targets could see end of Salden Chase

A MEETING of Aylesbury Vale Council tonight could spell the death of the Salden Chase development.

Residents of Newton Longville have long opposed the plans to build 5,390 houses on land close to their village.

And now a move by the distrcit council to remove their core strategy for strategic planning could see the development scrapped after the Government scrapped housing targets.

Strategic planning boss Cllr Carole Paternoster said: "Government targets imposed upon us have been removed.

"Salden Chase is in the core strategy as an application, and if it is withdrawn we have to look at Salden Chase, but we already have a planning application in."

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MP drives office to constituents

AN MP has completed a 150-mile trip – within his constituency.

Over three days, Mark Lancaster stopped off at more than 20 towns and villages as part of his annual mobile surgery tour.

In an effort to make himself as accessible to residents as possible, Mr Lancaster travelled in a hired people carrier which doubled up as a meeting room.

He spoke to more than 100 constituents on issues ranging from flood defences to speeding, nuclear energy to roadworks.

It is the sixth year he has taken his surgeries – which take place at the council's Civic Offices all year round – on the road in Milton Keynes North.

Mr Lancaster said: "I make it my aim to find out the concerns of all communities and these mobile surgeries are a great way of making sure everyone has access to their political representative.

"A lot of people said they just liked having the chance to walk to the end of their road and have a chat with their MP.

"I would like to thank everyone who took the time to come and see me, and look forward to taking my surgeries on the road again."

The MP and his team have completed around 8,000 pieces of casework since he was first elected in 2005.

For details about Mr Lancaster's regular surgeries visit his new-look website at www.lancaster4mk.com

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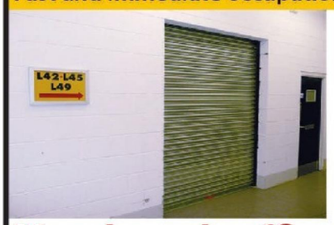

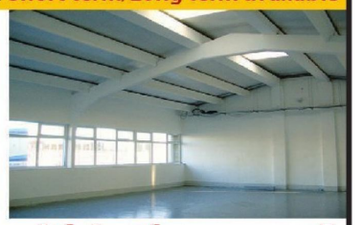

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Police are seeking passers-by who spoke to suspects

TWO charity boxes and £200 from the till have been stolen at a sweet shop in Wolverton.

Two men forced entry to Royal Sweets, Stratford Road, Wolverton, at 1.15am, where the money and charity boxes were taken.

One of the boxes was for the air ambulance and the other for the Pakistan flood appeal. It is unknown how much money was in them.

Shortly after the offence the two suspects were standing on Radcliffe Street, Wolverton, when three members of the public walked past tand spoke to them. Police are keen to trace those people as they may have vital information.

The offenders are both white. One was wearing a grey jacket with the hood up and white trainers.

The second offender has short brown hair with sideburns and was wearing black trousers and a dark blue jumper with three distinctive white stripes running horizontally.

Anyone with information should contact PC Polly Jacobs at Milton Keynes police station via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505.

If you do not want to talk to the police, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Donations benefit city charities

TWO charities in the city have benefited from large donations from national companies.

Macfarlane Packaging hosted a coffee morning at its city office to present its annual charitable donation to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, handing over a cheque for £2,500.

The company also gave gift bags containing toys to children fighting the illness.

Hazel Staten, a volunteer for the charity, said: "Without the donation of people and companies like Macfarlane Packaging, the children and I would no longer be here.

"It means everything to us and anyone who faces a diagnosis in the future. I can't tell you how grateful I am on behalf of the charity and the families."

City-based global charity World Vision received a boost of £10,000 from the Student Support Centre, provider of home-base tuition programmes.

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Entrants can choose to do three, six or 15 miles around Newport and its surrounds, and although not compulsory walkers can raise money for charity, with this year's chosen cause being Willen Hospice.

A spokesman for the organisers said: "We are so grateful to all of the VIPs for taking time out of their busy schedules and for showing their support of the Muster.

"It is clear too that although fundraising during the Muster is not compulsory, Willen Hospice has a special place in their affections."

Entrace fee is £2, with no charge for walkers under 14, and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit www.newportmuster.org for more info and entry forms.

Miss London Anna Watts, who has relatives in the town, is joining the Newport Pagnell Muster

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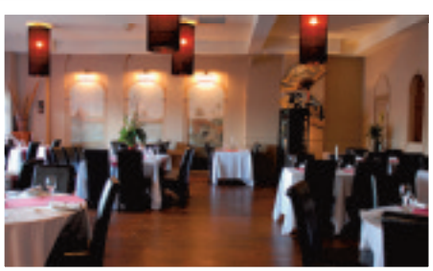

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SIMON DARNELL

MONA LISA
Dinosaur Pile Up

IF you're anything like me, firstly, you poor thing, and secondly, you've probably never wondered what would happen if Ash and the Foo Fighters ever got together to record a single.

Let's say you get Ash to contribute the verses and the Foo Fighters to do the chorus and other sundry items; if you then put that little lot together this is the sort of song you'd end up with. Very loud, a bit shouty in places, but damned good fun nonetheless.

One minor complaint, I reckon the song goes on for about a minute longer than it should – there's a handy stopping point around three minutes in, but proceedings are allowed to continue and listeners are then treated to a further rendition of the chorus along with a couple of other bits and bobs.

In all fairness though, there are far worse ways to spend a minute than by listening to the end of this song. I like the song and I like the band name, so all in all job's a good 'un.

YOU LOST ME
Christina Aguilera

I NEVER thought I'd see the day when I heard Christina Aguilera show everybody else in her field exactly how it's meant to be done, but as it turns out that day is actually Wednesday, September 8, 2010.

La Aguilera has an amazing voice and she knows it. She can do all sorts of vocal acrobatics and doesn't usually need to be asked twice in order to perform them.

This time, things are different. In lesser hands, this song would've been ruined by over the top 'everybody listen to ME' singing – if I may refer the jury to the case of Leona Lewis v Run (2007)? The defence rests its case.

Christina Aguilera has the big guns in her locker, but this is a slow, delicate song and it doesn't need them, so although she builds up her performance as the music does, she never overpowers it. This song will be performed by many people in future, mainly on television, but they needn't bother because Christina Aguilera has nailed it. This is a masterclass.

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Steph Fearon

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PANIC ROOM
Support Act: Rude Tiger
Wednesday, September 15. 8pm
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COMPETITION **TIME**

Know a fantastic female?

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To celebrate the opening of the store at the Concourse, Brunel Centre, Bletchley, MK NEWS has teamed up with Bonmarché to give you the chance to explain how a certain lady in your life is one in a million and give her the chance to win a very special treat.

This is your chance to thank your mum, your wife or any woman you know who has done something amazing for someone else.

They will be treated to a pampering at a beauty parlour, a whole new look from Bonmarché and dinner for two in a top restaurant as a reward for being such a wonderful woman.

The new store will bring the latest autumn collection to shoppers in the town and the lucky winner will be able to choose from the range of catwalk inspired styles.

HOW TO ENTER

If you think you know someone who deserves the star treatment and to be recognised for their efforts tell us in no more than 50 words why she is such a fantastic female.

Send your entries complete with your name, address and daytime telephone number and the details of the person you are nominating by email to competitions@mk-news.co.uk

Closing date is Monday, September 13.

Editor's decision is final.

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CALCUTTA BRASSERIE

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Reviewed by Kirsten Rawlins

THE Calcutta Brasserie is in a league of its own - both in setting and taste.

Having worked at an Indian restaurant for four years I have become somewhat of a critic when it comes to Indian cusine, and am very hard to impress - but the Brasserie did just that.

My friend and I were treated to the generous menu of the restaurants' second anniversary night to be held on September 15.

For starters we had not one dish, but four - spicy fried squid, Hyderabadi sheek kebab, Hariyali paneer tikka and dhaal samosa.

All four of these were exquisite, each one perfectly cooked with a variety of vibrant tastes and mixed textures.

The panneer was my favourite, and my friend, despite being a fish-lover and a samosa-hater, described the samosas as 'stunning'.

For our main course, we enjoyed five unique dishes served with a bowl of saffon pilaf rice and a basket of assorted nan breads.

The shahi gosht korma was outstanding. The fillet of lamb marinated with yoghurt and green cardamom then roasted in the oven was the tenderest I have tried, without losing its texture

and taste. The sauce, made up of caramelised onion, yoghurt and padam paste, was delicious, being creamy but full of flavour.

Other dishes served were the kozli thengapal, a mild, modest chicken dish gently spiced and cooked in coconut milk. The hot but flavoursome Kohlapur chicken curry, the Nilgri vegetable curry and the Louki channa daal masala, a delicious lentil dish.

Finally, although bursting at the seams (as you can imagine), we were offered the option of warm gulab jamon with chilled cardamom-scented custard, or mango kulfi.

We chose to have a different one each, and both were a perfect end to a perfect meal, the cardamom custard being a wonderful alternative to the usual syrup.

The menu was excellent. It was varied and provided a gastronomical experience not to be forgotten.

It is unbelievable value at just £15.95, especially when the evening will also include a sitar player and singer from India and a champagne reception.

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SOUTH SEA COMPANY

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Friday, September 10

SOUTH Sea Company have finally completed their debut, self titled and self released seven track mini album. Produced and recorded by Tom Stubbs, mixed & mastered in London by Amos Williams (of Tesseract/4d sounds) South Sea Company take indie, alternative, rock, post rock and shoegaze and blend it together into intelligent, original, heartfelt song based indie rock anthems.

The official album release concert also bills four amazing young bands making this not only South Sea Company's album release but an awesome rock indie showcase of the very best young bands from the area.

Tickets £5.

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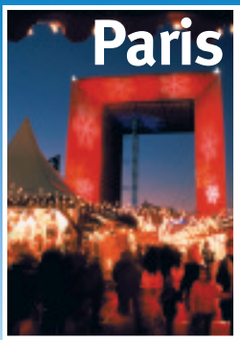

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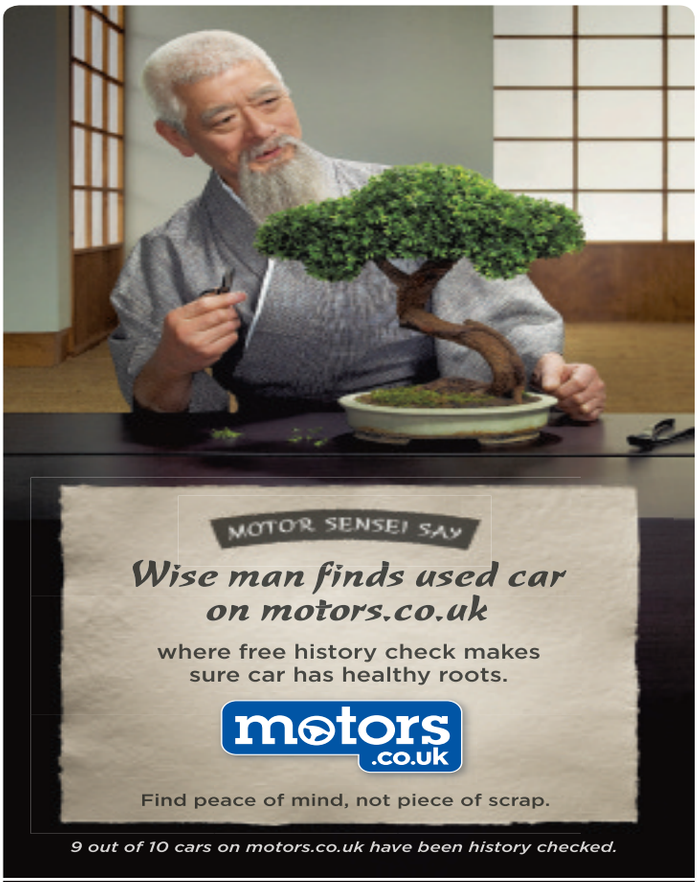

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13th Birthday

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PAUL HALSEY

60th Birthday
Lots of love
Mum and Pop

LORENZO GALLETTA
Happy 21st Birthday
30th August 2010

Lots of Love Mum, Dad, Daniella, Claudio & all the family.

DARREN RICHARDSON
Is 30 on 7th September
Congratulations Darren.
We all wish you a great Birthday and hope you enjoyed your party.
Also Congrats to you and Jess on your Engagement last Saturday.
Love from Mum & Jess and all the families xx

OLIVIA MOLITERNO

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PARKLIFE

Blackberries: One of the many fruits available for free from nature's rich larder

Enjoy nature's bounty

WITH the summer holidays now a distant memory and the new school term well under way there's still much to look forward to as we enter one of the most beautiful and abundant seasons of the year.

The beginning of autumn is truly glorious and sees the parks alive with colour and packed with the bounty of nature.

Orchards are full of ripening fruits such as apples, pears, medlars and plums and the hedgerows are bursting with blackberries, elderberries, nuts and sloes. There are also many weird and wonderful varieties of mushroom sprouting up all over the place. This final flurry of autumnal activity before things settle down for the winter is a great chance for fruit lovers and for amateur jam, pie and wine makers to dip into nature's rich larder.

Of course, the orchards and hedgerows also provide a vital potential source of food for birds, insects and mammals to stock up before the winter, as well as creating shelter for a wide range of wildlife.

It's really important, therefore, for foragers to be considerate about how much they take and to ensure that they leave enough food for others and for wildlife too.

And it's also vital for potential foragers to know exactly what they are picking if you are unsure about something it's best to leave it alone.

While some edible plants such as blackberries or sloes are easy to identify, there are other types of berries, leaves and fungi that can be potentially unhealthy if identified incorrectly.

The Parks Trust can help you to enjoy this season of mellow fruitfulness with a series of events designed to let you discover more about autumn and the wild food that you can forage for free and eat safely.

Our rangers will show you the different berries and plants you can pluck from the hedgerows, tell you where you can pick free apples and pears from the Trust's community orchard, explain how to identify good and bad mushrooms on an introduction to Fungi and take you on a walk to discover more about local history and enjoy the autumn colours.

Our popular Crayfish Day will also let you discover more about non-native crayfish. Not to be confused with native white-clawed crayfish, which are protected, the American signal crayfish is an invasive species in our waters and aggressively pushes out native crayfish.

FOOD FOR FREE
Saturday, September 18
Woughton Orchard, 10.30am-1pm. Free

CRAYFISH DAY
Sunday, September 19
Millfield, 10.30am-12.30pm. £3

INTRODUCTION TO FUNGI
(short course for adults)
Saturday, October 16
Linford Wood, 10am-12pm. £5

HISTORY WALK
Sunday, October 17
Ouzel Valley Park, 10-11.30pm. £1

Bookings must be made in advance for Crayfish Day, Introduction to Fungi and the History Walk.

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Drew Barrymore, Justin Long, Christina Applegate.

From Friday

WHEN Erin (Barrymore) hooks up with Garrett (Long), neither of them expects their happy fling to outlast the summer. But when Erin heads home to San Francisco and Garrett stays behind for his job in New York, they realise they don't want it to end.

TAMARA DREWE 15

Tamsin Greig, Roger Allam, Dominic Cooper, Gemma Arterton, Bill Camp,

From Friday

WHEN journalist Tamara (Arterton) returns home to Dorset, having made good and having had a nose job, her arrival sets off a wave of gossip, lust and jealousy in admirers.

THE RUNAWAYS 15

Michael Shannon, Scout Taylor-Compton, Alia Shawkat, Riley Keough, Kristen Stewart, Dakota Fanning

FROM FRIDAY

LA, 1975: Guitar-strumming teen Joan Jett (Stewart) wants to form the first kick-ass all-girl band. With the slimy enthusiasm of producer Kim Fowley (Shannon) she finds 15-year-old Cherie Currie (Fanning), the jail-bait in the combo.

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John C Reilly, Marisa Tomei, Jonah Hill, Catherine Keener

From Friday

JOHN (Reilly) has been single for seven years and his ex-wife (Keener) is about to remarry. With his social life at an all-time low, John is persuaded to attend a party where he meets Molly (Tomei), a beautiful and gregarious woman with whom he has amazing chemistry.

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Rachael Blake, Tom Butcher, Jumayn Hunter, Ashley Chin

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DAILY LIFE

THURSDAY

BODGER'S Mate at The White Horse Stony Stratford. Traditional tunes and songs. Free. Starts 9pm.

FRIDAY

LEIGHTON Buzzard Youth Theatre perform Godspell. St Barnabas Church, Linslade 7.30pm. Tickets £6 from 07703 442084 include cheese and wine supper.

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Tell me about the club?

Eddie: The club has been running now for over 6 years and from 3 different venues in Northampton. The phenomenal success of the club means we are now bringing Dentokan Karate to families in Milton Keynes. I am the Chief Instructor and have been doing a variety of martial arts for over 16 years. All the instructors in the club are AMA qualified, CRB checked and insured.

So, what's your take on karate?

Eddie: Well, Karate is an excellent self defence system. Now days (in my opinion) there is too much focus on sport karate which tends to favour the young and athletic. Whilst there is a sport element to our 'syllabus', we focus more on karate's roots, which is self defence. That's why Dentokan karate is suitable for all the family.

What will people get from your classes?

Eddie: Well, if you take on board the principles I have mentioned, my students will become physically fitter, mentally stronger, and have the tools to deal with an attack on the street.
My philosophy is **'one club'**. We teach adults and children together encouraging family participation. This is something that has worked so well for our club. **How often do children and parents learn something together as equals?** Our club is a wonderful way for families to come together to do something positive, healthy and that offers a vital skill set. Kids love learning with their parents.

Our classes are also a superb vehicle to help defend against cardiovascular disease, weight gain, diabetes and stress related illnesses.

Finally, Martial arts are great for teaching us a basic lesson in life. With effort, desire and belief you can achieve most things. This is especially important for children to learn.

Is your style of karate different?

Eddie: Firstly, let me say that I would encourage everyone to take up a martial art as long as it is with a good instructor. I am not of the opinion that there is only one way. There are no bad martial arts but there are bad instructors and clubs! To answer the question, I cannot comment on what other instructors teach but what I can say is Dentokan is a very special organisation. It is full of experts in different martial arts keen to share their knowledge. Students will learn punches, kicks, blocks, evasion, locks, takedowns and even some ground grappling. **Not only will they learn Karate but Aikijutsu, Goshin Jutsu and Kobudo!**

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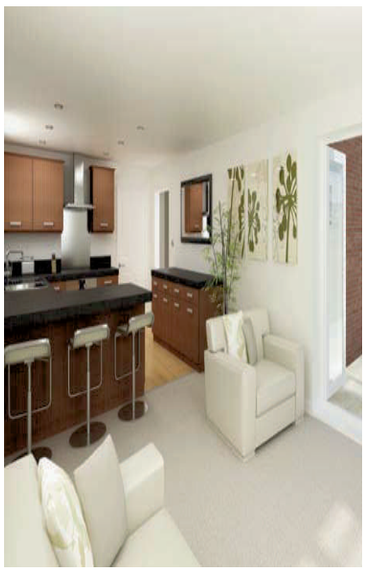

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After months of anticipation Milton Keynes most exciting new housing development opens its doors for the first time this weekend.

The Brooklands development from Places for People represents the last word in modern living and will be more than a place to live, but a place to work and play too comprising shops, schools, businesses and green spaces. The first two hundred elegantly designed homes are currently being built and are now available for viewing by the public. Everyone is now invited to come to see what a marvellous place this will be to live viewing our fantastic marketing suite and show homes. Situated on the eastern edge of Milton Keynes, Brooklands represents a fresh way of thinking for property development combining homes, schools, businesses and sports facilities with lush open spaces. Brooklands was devised, and is now being created, with people in mind; a place where modern, sustainable and contemporary living connects with the freedom and tranquillity of rural life.

12,000 trees and shrubs have been planted, bridges built across the brooks and ponds which are brimming with wildlife. This first release of mixed housing, from two bedroom apartments and mews cottages to five bedroom detached homes overlooking the picturesque meadows, will be available to move into this autumn.

This is just the beginning; over the next ten years the 360 acre site is set to be transformed from an exciting and ambitious vision into one of the most desirable places to live in the region. The unique design of the whole development is cleverly calculated so that as the number of homes and businesses grows towards completion, Brooklands will mature from the size of a village into that off a small market town.

Brooklands Farm Primary School has already opened its doors and a second thirty acre public park has been approved providing a new cricket pitch, four new football pitches and two children's play areas each aimed at different age groups with the highest quality play equipment made from natural materials. Brooklands provides a safe and inspiring environment for the whole family to embrace a different way of life. Much of the infrastructure is in place plus access to super fast fibre optic broadband for all residents and businesses.

Another key feature providing an attractive backdrop to the entire development is the award winning Brooklands Ridge; a place of recreation for residents where landscaped paths winding their way though newly planted woodland offer panoramic views across Milton Keynes. Construction of the landscaped Brooklands Ridge is well under way with a million cubic metres of soil going into creating this attractive noise attenuation feature which is one of the largest of its kind in Europe and which will make it hard to believe the M1 motorway is just over the hill. This means that Brooklands residents will have all the benefits of close links with the M1 whilst being a tranquil place to live.

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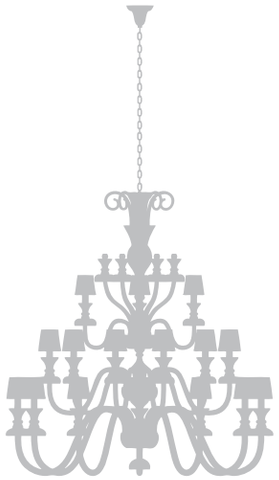

THE VISION TAKES SHAPE

Simon Elcock, Project Director for Brooklands developer Places for People, says; "After seeing the strong interest and demand for well designed and sustainable homes in a mature setting with the popularity of our Wolverton Park development, we are really confident that Brooklands will be another great success for Milton Keynes.

"Something very special is taking place with the pioneering development of Brooklands and we feel we are creating a unique place which will appeal to residents and businesses alike. By coming on board now, people are not only buying a new home in a great location, but will play a part in the future of the scheme as one of its founding members. We look forward to welcoming people this weekend and hope that many of them will be among the first to turn what is a unique development into a happy thriving community."

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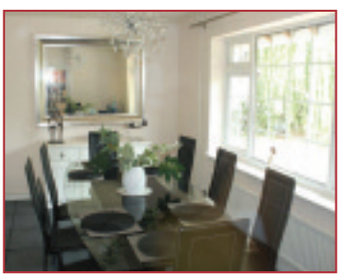

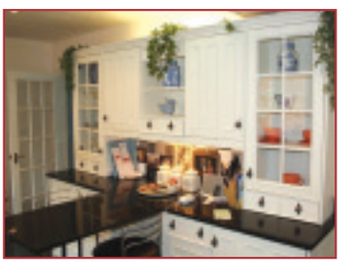

WOBURN SANDS

THERE are two property principles that are cast in stone. Firstly, location – you can't change it and a good one will always attract a premium. Secondly, plot – an attractive mature plot will always add considerable value to any property.

This attractive three bedroom mature detached house in Hillway has a superb location in an exclusive private road and an excellent well-screened plot of almost one-third-of-an acre.

As a bonus, the house has bags of character and has been carefully maintained and improved. It's the first time it has come to the market for more than 20 years.

On the ground floor a spacious hallway leads to a comfortable living room with a feature brick and stone fireplace with gas coal-effect fire, a study, a recently refitted dining room and a double-glazed UPVC conservatory to the front. There is a refitted kitchen with black granite worktops and cream wall and base units with breakfast bar. A classic gas-fired Aga has a large copper extractor hood. Other attractive features include glass-fronted display units, a ceramic Belfast sink and ceramic tiled floor.

Upstairs, the master bedroom has fitted wardrobes and a full four-piece en-suite bathroom, plus two additional double bedrooms, box room and family bathroom.

The gardens are leafy and well-tended with a large garage/workshop to one side of the property.

This house is currently on the market with Thomas & Co at £675,000.
For more information visit
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£795,000
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GREAT BRICKHILL

£550,000
SOLD

LOUGHTON

£740,000
SOLD

NORTH CRAWLEY

£640,000
SOLD

WOOLSTONE

£565,000
SOLD

SHENLEY CHURCH END

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£575,000
SSTC SIMILAR REQUIRED

FURZTON LAKE

£525,000
SSTC SIMILAR REQUIRED

MURSLEY

£445,000
SOLD

MEDBOURNE

£599,950
SOLD

HARTWELL

£895,000
SOLD

NASH

£499,950
SOLD

LOUGHTON

£550,000
SOLD

MONKSTON PARK

£575,000
SOLD

WOLVERTON MILL

£489,950
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Loughton £750,000

• Stunning detached executive residence • Extremely flexible accommodation • Can be used as a house with six receptions or with annexed accommodation • Kitchen/breakfast room • Master bedroom incorporates an en suite and dressing area • In the annex accommodation there is a self contained kitchen, lounge, bedroom and bathroom with ample storage units • This house sits on a very generous plot •Private gravel driveway with parking for numerous vehicles • Detached double garage and the most wonderous rear garden offering maximum privacy.

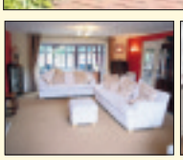
Woolstone £675,000

• Very attractive executive residence • Situated in Woolstone on a generous plot
• This property boasts a private gated driveway • Extensive off road parking
• Generous and private rear garden and a high level of privacy
• Lounge, dining room, study, 39ft kitchen/breakfast • Family room • Conservatory, utility and cloakroom
• Upstairs there are five bedrooms •Two en suites and family bathroom

Moulsoe £550,000

•Secluded and well screened four/five bedroom detached residence
•Situated on a good sized plot and is approached via a long gravel driveway
•24ft family room/office •21ft lounge •Kitchen/breakfast room •Conservatory •Dining room
•Luxurious family bathroom with Jacuzzi whirlpool bath •En-suite
•Gardens to front and rear •Extensive off road parking and double garage.

Giffard Park £499,950



•This ideally located four double bedroom detached executive residence
•4 reception rooms • Kitchen/breakfast •Master bedroom enjoying a dressing room and impressive en suite
•Large storage/hobby room currently used as 5th bedroom •Boasts a generous first floor balcony
•Enjoys a private block paved driveway with parking for numerous vehicles in front of the oversized detached double garage
•To the rear is a substantial patio area which runs the length of the rear garden opening onto the lawn.

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Stantonbury £140,000

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- Viewing Recommended

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- Three Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

New Bradwell £329,995

- Spacious Detached Residence
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Double Garage

Springfield £165,000

- Spacious Spilt Level Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom • Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain • Must be Viewed!

Crownhill Guide Price £157,500

- Two bedroom
- Chalet style property
- Gas radiator heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens
- Off road parking

Campbell Park £124,950

- 2 Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- No Upper Chain

Walnut Tree £285,000

- Four Bedroom
- Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Good School Catchment
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

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Milton Keynes Village £249,995

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- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- En Suite to Master
- Rear Garden
- Driveway & Garage

Oldbrook OIEO £90,000

- One Bedroom
- First Floor Maisonette
- Lounge with Balcony
- Allocated Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Aspley Guise OIEO £280,000

- Very Well Presented
- Four Bedroom Bungalow
- Village Location
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden
- Generous Frontage
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

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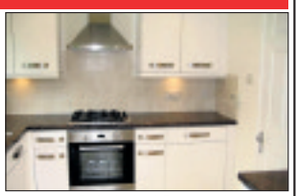
Heelands £232,500



- Refurbished Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Garage

Loughton Lodge OIEO £290,000

- Three Bedroom
- Executive Apartment
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Balcony
- En Suite To Master
- Single Garage
- Communal Gardens

Wavendon Gate Guide Price £160,000

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Broughton £245,000

- Very Well Presented
- McCann Built Property
- Semi Detached
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage & No Upper Chain

Bancroft £225,000

- Much Improved
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Cloakroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Walnut Tree £132,500

- Well Presented
- Two Bedroom
- Cluster Home
- Allocated Parking
- Communal Garden
- No Upper Chain

Loughton £165,000

- Well Presented
- Two Bedroom Detached
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Furzton £259,995

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage
- No Upper Chain!

Emerson Valley Guide Price £213,000

- Three Bedroom
- Detached Property
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Neath Hill OIEO £180,000

- Well Presented & Spacious
- Four/Five Bedroom Property
- Cloakroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Stantonbury OIEO £70,000

- Two Bedroom
- First Floor Maisonette
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended

Grange Farm Guide Price £169,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Cul de Sac Location
- Gardens
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Driveway & Garage

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Bletchley Non Estate Location — Guide £330,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Conservatory
- Ensuite and Dressing Room to Master
- Three Further Bedrooms
- Landscaped Gardens
- Driveway and Double Garage
- Detached Caravan Garage

Saints Estate — £152,500

- 1940's Style
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden

Bletchley — £149,995

- End of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Detached Single Garage

Bletchley — £84,950

- Vacant
- First Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Separate Lounge and Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- No Upper Chain

Windmill Hill Guide Price £175,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Driveway and Detached Garage

Public Notice

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Pinewood Drive

- 1930's Style
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedroom
- Sought After Location
- Front & Rear Gardens

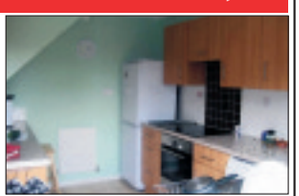
Wordsworth Drive

- Detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Front and rear gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

Church Green Road

- Extended semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Double bay fronted
- Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

Racecourses — £185,000



- Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Racecourses — £207,500

- Detached
- Three bedrooms
- Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

Manor Park Guide Price £220,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Bathroom
- Garage

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Emerson Valley £99,000

• Well Presented
• Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Gardens
• Driveway

Kingsmead £393,000

• Well presented • Five bedroom
• Detached property
• Sought after location
• 20ft lounge
• Master bedroom with ensuite
• Driveway leading to a double garage

Shenley Brook End Guide Price £260,000

• Detached
• Four Bedrooms
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Ensuite
• Gardens
• Off Road Parking

Emerson Valley Guide Price £190,000

• Link Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Refitted Kitchen
• Conservatory
• Garage • Garden
• Off Road Parking
• No Upper Chain

Oxley Park £400,000

• Detached
• Five Bedrooms
• Two Reception Rooms
• Two En Suites
• Rear Garden

Oxley Park Guide Price £200,000

• Three Bedrooms
• One Reception Room
• En Suite
• Garden
• Off Road Parking

Westcroft £219,995

• Three Bedrooms
• One Reception Room
• Kitchen/Diner
• Garden
• Off Road Parking
• Garage

Emerson Valley Guide Price £130,000

• Maisonette
• Two Bedrooms
• One Reception Room
• Off Road Parking

Furzton Guide Price £130,000

• Cluster Home
• Two Bedrooms
• Gardens
• Allocated Parking

Oxley Park £234,995

• Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Kitchen/Diner
• One Reception Room
• En Suite
• Garden
• Off Road Parking
• Single Garage

Oxley Park £245,000

• Well Presented
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• Four Bedrooms
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• Gardens
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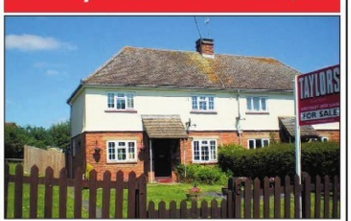
Shenley Brook End £235,000


• Well presented • Three bedroom
• Semi detached property
• Sought after location
• Driveway leading to single garage
• Approximately a 100ft rear garden
• Internal viewing is highly recommended

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Emerson Valley £117,500

• Cluster home
• One bedroom
• One Reception Room
• Garden
• No Upper Chain

Furzton £200,000

• Well Presented
• Link Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Gardens
• Driveway
• Garage

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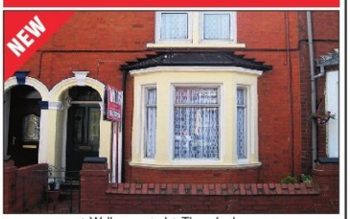
Wolverton £170,000

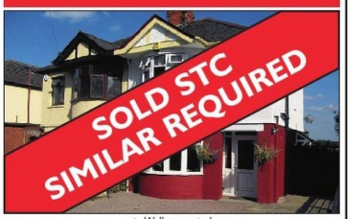
• Three bedroom
• Victorian style property
• Double glazing where specified
• Gas central heating
• Re fitted kitchen
• Re fitted family bathroom
• OFFERED WITH NO UPPER CHAIN.

Wolverton Guide Price £160,000



• Well presented • Three bedroom
• Victorian style • Terraced property
• Upstairs bathroom
• Gas to radiator heating
• UPVC double glazing (where specified)
• Garage and gardens

Old Stratford £240,000



• Well presented
• Three bedroom semi detached
• Double glazing
• Separate reception rooms
• Conservatory
• Off road parking
• Front and rear gardens

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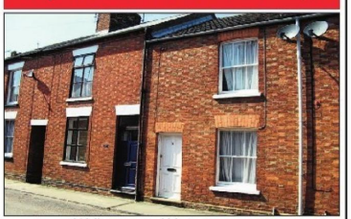
Wolverton Mill OIEO £140,000

•Apartment
•Two Bedrooms
•En Suite
•One Reception Room
•Allocated Parking

Wolverton Guide Price £130,000

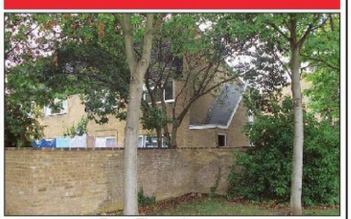
• Two Bedrooms
• Victorian Property
• Terraced
• Loft Room
• Garage
• Garden

Stony Stratford Offers Over £150,000



•Well presented Victorian property
•Two bedrooms
•Re-fitted kitchen
•Lounge
•Dining room
•No upper chain

Stony Stratford £99,000



•First Floor Apartment
•One Bedroom
•Gas to Radiator Heating
•No Upper Chain

Bancroft £169,995

• Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Gas Central Heating
• UPVC Double Glazing
• Detached Garage
• Off Road Parking
• No Upper Chain

Wolverton Guide Price £140,000

• Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing
• Refitted Kitchen
• Garden

Potterspury £164,995

• Well presented • Two bedroom
• Semi detached bungalow
• Double glazing
• Off road parking
• Utility room
• Garage and gardens
• Viewing recommended

Hanslope £165,000

• Well presented and updated
• Two bedroom (formerly a Three bedroom)
• Semi detached home
• Double Glazing
• Garage and Front and Rear Gardens
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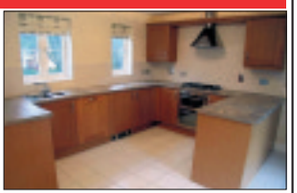

This is a 'L' shaped home packed full of accommodation. Set over a traditional 2 floor layout with 4 bedrooms, 2 en-suites and 3 receptions, as well as a spacious family kitchen room. Outside there is a separate double garage and parking. The development is set in a popular location within Milton Keynes and is rarely available. Internal picture from similar plot.

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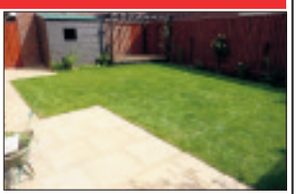

A rarely available, brand new 4 bedroom detached house. The accommodation boasts generous room sizes, including 2 en suites. Throughout the property as well as outside there is high specification. Part of this development of just 3 non estate homes is in the heart of the village. This popular village offers a variety of amenities and schooling for all ages. Access to Buckingham/ Milton Keynes is excellent. PRICE REDUCTION!!

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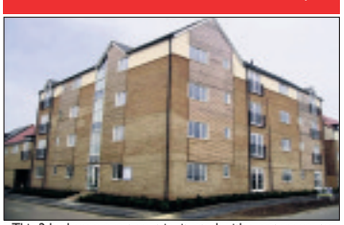

This 2 bedroom apartment is situated with great access to M1. It has 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a large open plan kitchen/living area. The use of big windows to most rooms, offers a light airy feel to the contemporary design. Situated on the east of Milton Keynes, offering excellent access to the M1. Price shown is shared equity price.

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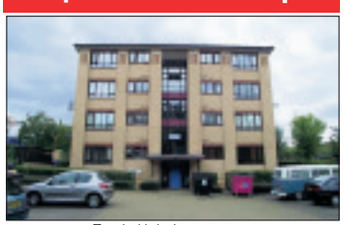

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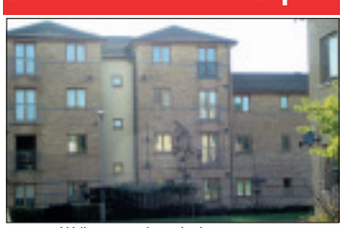

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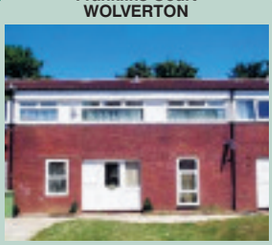

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Great Holm £162,500

A two bedroom semi detached property offered for sale in good condition and situated at the end of a cul de sac. The property is uPVC double glazed throughout and has a refitted kitchen/diner and bathroom. There is a driveway to the side for at least two cars and a private garden to the rear.

Neath Hill £199,995

An extended three bedroom property offered for sale in fantastic condition. The property has been extended to the front to increase the size of the entrance hall and give a utility/downstairs cloakroom. The current owners have undergone an extensive programme of refurbishment to include the refitting of the kitchen, bathroom and ensuite shower room and the installation of PVCu double glazing. The back garden has been landscaped and a viewing is highly recommended on this property.

Bletchley £159,950

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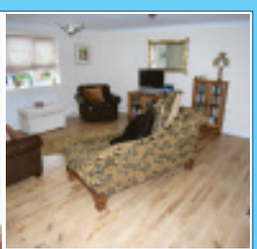
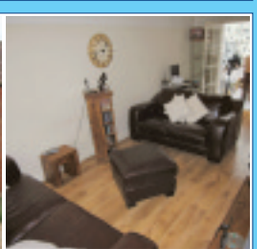


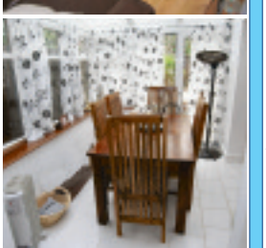
Medbourne £184,995

A three bedroom ground floor apartment. Accessed via communal entrance which serves just two other apartments. The accommodation features a large open plan lounge/dining/kitchen area with double doors leading onto the communal garden area. There is also an ensuite shower room and a larger than average garage located adjacent to the apartment.

Bradwell £114,995

A one bedroom end of terrace property. The property has had PVCu double glazing installed and both the kitchen and bathroom have been refitted. There is an enclosed garden and off road parking. In our opinion an ideal first time or buy to let purchase.



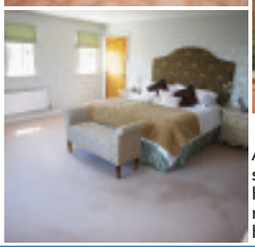


Potterspury £164,995

An extended two bedroom semi detached property offered for sale in very good condition with no upper chain. The property has a refitted kitchen and bathroom and is double glazed. There is a conservatory added to the rear of the 19ft lounge with doors going out to the garden and off road parking to the front for at least 3 cars.The accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, breakfast room, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, off road parking.

Bradwell Common Boulevard £115,000

A two bedroom maisonette located with easy access to the city centre and railway station. The accommodation is on the first and second floors and has gas radiator central heating. It has been rented out for a number of years and is offered for sale with vacant possession.



Broughton £650,000

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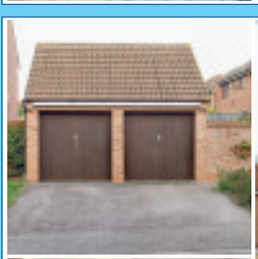
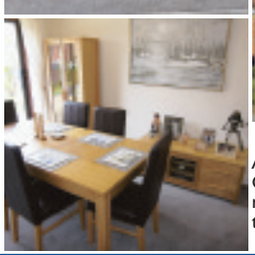
Aspley Heath £995,000

A substantial detached property situated at the end of Church Road, diagonally opposite the woods. The current owners have extended the property to create versatile accommodation. There is potential for a ground floor annexe and a first floor bedroom suite comprising of three rooms and a shower room. A refurbishment programme has been started with all bathrooms having been refitted. There is however scope for further improvement with the kitchen in particular having potential for enlarging and refitting.

Willen £445,000

A five bedroom detached property situated within this popular area, close to Willen Lake. The property has been extended; adding a new master bedroom with ensuite, a third reception room, a double garage and enlarging the kitchen. The bathroom, kitchen, cloakroom and ensuite have all been refitted and a conservatory added.

Oldbrook £269,995

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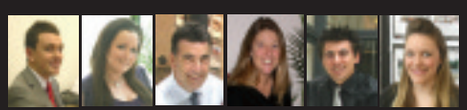

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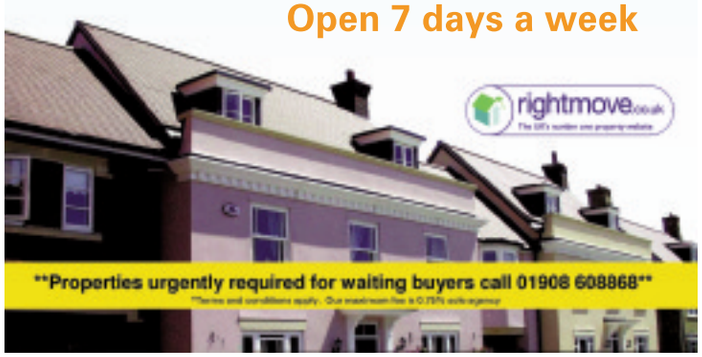

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Launching the Open House weekend, Matthew Giggs, Area Director for Countrywide said: "There's a growing demand and urgency for local property – especially from those keen to avoid the VAT increase. The biggest impact of this increase will come to those looking to fully furnish their new home and undertake home improvements, as white goods and general DIY costs will all creep up.

"We've had great success with similar open house events as they take the formality out of viewing and enable buyers to view a huge variety of properties, back-to-back without appointments."

Matthew added: "There's still time for local homeowners and landlords to sign up and take part - by opening up your doors for just one weekend we could secure your move in 2010."

Local landlords are also involved in the Get Moving Open House event to help with the unprecedented demand the UK lettings market has seen in recent months with more than 50,000 tenants registering for rental accommodation.

Anyone interested viewing Open House properties should contact their local Taylors and Wilson Peacock office to register and gain a unique password which will enable them access to properties taking part in the event. Local homeowners and landlords can submit their property to take part by contacting their local Taylors or Wilson Peacock branch.

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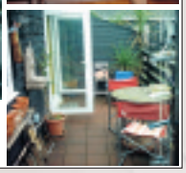

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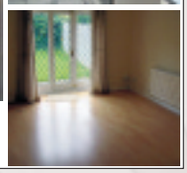

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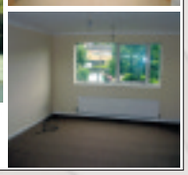

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St PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Michael Manley

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Full Time Post, 37 hours per week.

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St Paul's is committed to the safeguarding of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB disclosure.

Closing date for applications: Friday 17 September 2010.

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Application forms and further details are available from the school. CVs are not acceptable. Closing date for the return of applications is 9.00 a.m. Monday 20th September 2010.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment.

Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau

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Closing date: 20 September 2010

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Closing date for both WEDNESDAY 17th September.

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Closing date for applications is Monday 13th September 2010. Please note that any applications received after this date will not be considered. Please apply for an application form at the above number. Candidates must be available for interview on 20th and 21st September 2010.

Milton Keynes COLLEGE

Since 1982, Milton Keynes College has played a pivotal role in shaping the future of Milton Keynes and our dedicated workforce of 1,400 staff play a vital role in securing this future. The College also holds the contract to deliver the Offenders' Learning and Skills Service at various prisons and young offenders institutions. We strive to be at the heart of a connected and inclusive learning community, and to create an education landscape where there are no boundaries to limit access, progress and success.

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Martin Jackson (pictured above) succeeded in completing his Men in Childcare course and is now working at the Milton Keynes College Early Years Nursery. He obtained Community Studies Student of the Year in 2009.

Milton Keynes Council and Milton Keynes College are offering an Induction Course which could lead to a qualification for men looking to work in childcare. This course will start this September and is fully funded by Milton Keynes Council.

No qualifications needed.

There will be a briefing session held at the college on Monday 20 September 2010.

For information or to book your place at the briefing session contact the Early Years Workforce Team on 01908 254529 or email: growchildcare@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Milton Keynes COLLEGE

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Closing date: **12.00pm Friday 17 September 2010** Interviews week commencing: **Monday 20 September 2010**

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Salary: Negotiable

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Closing date: **12.00pm Friday 24 September 2010** Interviews week commencing: **Monday 27 September 2010**

Nursery Secretary Required - ASAP

Salary: Negotiable

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Closing date: **12.00pm Friday 17 September 2010** Interviews week commencing: **Monday 20 September 2010**

If you are enthusiastic, flexible, an excellent all-rounder with a great sense of humour and you would like to join our team then please contact the school on **01908 373621** or email **admin@tpamk.co.uk** for an application pack.

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Essential qualities are:

- Drive and enthusiasm to provide a facility that meets the needs of our students and staff.
- Experience to lead the team but also to take a hands on approach where needed.
- Knowledge to provide relevant input to the design of our new building.

The successful candidate may have experience in any one of a wide variety of backgrounds including facilities management or have worked in one of the construction trade skills, leading teams on site. Previous experience in education is not a necessity but experience of health and safety management would be an advantage.

For further information or an application pack please contact Penny Carter on pcarter@bedfordacademy.co.uk or telephone 01234 301500 ext 205.

Closing date for return of completed application packs Monday 20th September 2010.
Interviews will be held on Thursday 23rd September 2010.

Bedford Academy, Mile Road, Bedford. MK42 9TR Tel: 01234 301500
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Full-time to March 2013

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Programme Officer Rural Development

Bedfordshire | Salary £22,958
Full-time to March 2013

The post holder will ensure that high quality, relevant business development proposals are brought forward in order to deliver the Greensand Ridge Local Development Strategy.

To succeed in this role, you will need to be able to work proactively; seek out opportunities and support potential applicants with their business development proposals.

For an application pack for either position, please contact: **Jon Boswell** at **jonb@bedsrcc.org.uk** or on **01767 626460**, or download one from: **www.bedsrcc.org.uk**

Closing date for both applications:
Mid-day Monday 20 Sept 2010.
Interviews to take place on **Friday 24 Sept 2010**

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website: www.alameda.beds.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs S. Lourensz

TEACHING ASSISTANT

– SEN (2 posts)
20 hours per week, term time only
Level 2A Pts 10 – 13 (£7.19 to £8.01 per hour)

We are seeking two enthusiastic and adaptable individuals to join our Special Needs Team to support pupils with statements of SEN individually and in groups. The successful candidates will be well organised, able to work unsupervised and capable of assessing and recording pupils' progress. They will work every morning during term time. Experience of working in a similar role preferred. Initially, these appointments will be temporary to the end of the Spring Term 2011.

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5 hours per week, term time only
Level 1C Pt 9 (£7.04 per hour)

Required as soon as possible to supervise pupils attending the before school club. The successful applicant will work every school day from 7.45 to 8.45 am and must demonstrate a mature approach in working with children. Experience of working in a similar role is desirable.

We are happy to consider combining this role with one of the Teaching Assistant posts.

Closing date: Friday 17th September 2010.
Interviews on Monday 20th September.
Visits to the school prior to application welcomed (by appointment).
Full details and application form can be obtained from the school website or by contacting the school by e-mail or telephone.

Sponne School,

Brackley Rd, Towcester NN12 6DJ

Senior Science Technician

– 37 hrs per week, 42 weeks per year

Scale 4 , points 18 to 21 , £15,806 to £17,616 (£17,161 to £19,126 fte) – Pay & Benefits pending

Duties will include the supervision of 2 Science Technicians, the overview of Health & Safety requirements for the Prep Room, the preparation of resources and equipment for use in lessons, ordering and budgeting for resources and some general administration.

Experience of Salters A Level Chemistry is desirable - Closing date Tuesday 21st Sept 2010
Contact: Coral Bird - 01327 350284

The Governors of Sponne School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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The type of work to be undertaken includes lectures, tutorials and visits to partner schools to review student progress.

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Deadline for submission: 4.00pm on 24 September 2010 for successful applicants commencing in the Autumn 2010 term. Further applications however will be accepted throughout the year. Applications should be made by CV and covering letter addressed for the attention of Marilyn Leask, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Sport and Tourism.

Postal applications should be sent to the following address: Sarah Blomfield, PA to the Dean, The Dean's Office, University of Bedfordshire, Polhill Avenue, Bedford, Bedfordshire MK41 9EA.

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Our school day is 7:45am – 2:30pm (plus 1 or 2 days per week to 4pm)

Closing date: Monday 13th September 2010
Interviews: Thursday 16th September 2010

Application packs are available from www.biddenham.org or from the school Previous applicants need not apply

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Applicants must hold a NVQ3 in Childcare.

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CLOSING DATE 17th SEPTEMBER 2010

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A GEMS Managed School

Sponne School,

Brackley Rd, Towcester NN12 6DJ

Learning Support Assistant,

F/t 28.75hrs per week, 39 weeks per year

Scale 2 points 11-13, Actual salary £9,791 to £10,263 (equivalent to £14,733 to £15,444 fte) Pay & Benefits Pending

We are seeking an enthusiastic, hardworking and flexible Learning Support Assistant to work within the Special Needs Department at Sponne School

Closing date Tuesday 21st Sept 2010
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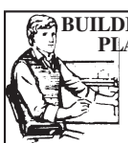

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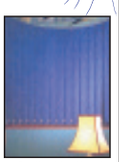

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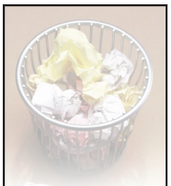

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

(THORN ROAD, HOUGHTON REGIS)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along the full length of Thorn Road, Houghton Regis.

This temporary closure is required to enable carriageway maintenance works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place on ONE DAY between Monday 27 September and Friday 1 October 2010 between 9.00am and 3.30pm. A specific date will be advertised on site closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed south on A5, continuing to junction with A5120, Houghton Road, Dunstable. Turn left and continue on A5120, turning left at signalled junction. Continue north to junction with Thorn Road and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 27 September 2010 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, *as detailed above,* whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

(CHURCH STREET, DUNSTABLE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding along that length of Church Street, Dunstable and any pedestrian from proceeding on foot along that length of footway on Church Street, Dunstable which extends from its junction with Station Road to its junction with Boscombe Road access road.

This temporary closure is required to enable demolition of the old bridge and reinstallation of a new bridge to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

It is expected that the works will take place on a minimum of TWO WEEKENDS during the period between Monday 1 October 2010 and Thursday 1 March 2012. Closure times will be from 10.00pm on Friday until 4.00am on Monday each weekend closure. No access during the weekend closures. Specific dates will be advertised on site closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed north on Boscombe Road to roundabout with Porz Avenue. Take 2nd exit and continue on Porz Avenue to roundabout with Poynters Road. Take 1st exit and 1st exit at next roundabout and continue on Park Road North to roundabout with East End. Take 1st exit and continue on East End and then High Street, Houghton Regis to junction with A5 High Street North, Dunstable. Turn left and continue on A5 to junction with A505 Church Street. Turn left and continue on Church Street to junction with Station Road and site and vice versa except follow one way system at Boscombe Road, A505 junction.

There is no alternative footway route available for pedestrians, however it is hoped that the contractor will make alternative arrangements for pedestrians nearer the time.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 1 October 2010 for a period of eighteen months or until the proposed works have been completed, *as detailed above,* whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Ian Grant, BAM Nutall Ltd, Tel, 01442 874618

DATED 8 September 2010

Basil Jackson
Assistant Director for Highways
Central Bedfordshire Council
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (A509 PORTWAY INTERCHANGE MILTON KEYNES TO A508 OLD STRATFORD ROUNDABOUT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 201_

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in the Borough of Milton Keynes and the County of Northamptonshire to allow for repairs to the centre joint of the carriageway, between Portway and Old Stratford, to be carried out in safety.

It is expected that the works would take place over 8 nights (8pm – 6am Mondays to Thursdays and 9pm – 6am Fridays) starting on, or after, Monday 4 October 2010.

The effect of the Order would be to close the A5 –

1. from its junctions with the northbound exit and southbound entry slip roads at the A509 Portway Interchange to its junction with the A508 Old Stratford Roundabout, and
2. northbound entry and southbound exit slip roads at the A509 Portway Interchange and the northbound and southbound entry and exit slip roads at the A422 Monks Way Interchange.

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- **phase 2** northbound from Monks Way Interchange to Old Stratford Roundabout, diverting traffic west along the H3 Monks Way to V4 Watling Street then north along Queen Eleanor Street, London Road and Towcester Road to return to Old Stratford Roundabout; and vice versa southbound for **phase 3**.

The closures (which would not apply to works, emergency service, traffic officer or winter service maintenance vehicles) and diversion routes would be clearly indicated by traffic signs for the duration of the works.

The Order would come into force on 27 September 2010 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

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DONS' SCORE FIRST

August

7	Walsall	A	2-1
10	Dag & Red H (Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	
15	Southampton	H	
18	Rochdale	H	
25	Peterborough	A	
28	Charlton	A	

October

2	Colchester	H
5	Charlton (JPT)	H
9	Dag & Red	H
16	Bournemouth	A
23	Exeter	H
30	Tranmere	A

November

2	Yeovil	H
6	FA Cup First Round	
13	Brentford	A
20	Sheff Wed	H
23	Huddersfield	A

December

4	Plymouth	H
11	Notts County	A
18	Oldham	H
26	Leyton Orient	A
28	Bournemouth	H

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H
3	Yeovil	A
8	Exeter	A
15	Tranmere	H
22	Dag & Red	A
29	Leyton Orient	H

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A
5	Sheff Wed	A
12	Brentford	H
19	Hartlepool	A
26	Brighton	H

March

5	Rochdale	A
8	Charlton	H
12	Colchester	A
19	Peterborough	H
26	Walsall	H

April

2	Southampton	A
9	Carlisle	H
16	Swindon	A
22	Huddersfield	H
25	Plymouth	A
30	Notts County	H

May

7	Oldham	A

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

HARTLEPOOL came to us with one intention – to shut the door and get a point, so I thought we absolutely deserved our win.

We're going to have to get used to teams coming to us to get a draw but the second half was very one-sided, we were totally dominant and it was almost like possession football.

It's great to see players coming off the bench and having an impact on the game.

Lewis Guy gives us a new dimension and took his goal brilliantly, and Jabo Ibehre gives us something different but it's always hard to take anyone off the pitch.

We wore them down and eventually got our goal, from there we were looking to get a second and a third but we lost Deano, which was the right decision, and then we had our backs against the wall.

Their penalty shout at the end should have been given, Karl and I will admit that, thankfully lady luck was with us on the day.

Even though it was an early kick-off I didn't manage to go to another game but on Sunday I watched Sheffield Wednesday lose to Brentford – which just proves how unpredictable this league can be.

On any given day anyone can beat anyone, just like the Championship, which makes it more exciting for fans and allows us to stay close to the leaders.

We're in a great position with a game in hand but we won't get carried away, right now we're just looking forward to a tough game at Brighton.

I coached Gus Poyet and Mauricio Taricco, and last week I watched them in the JPT and they certainly try to play attractive football.

Gus has really made a name for himself as a coach and he's got a very positive attitude.

They've spent a lot of money in the summer and their latest loan signing, Kazenga LuaLua, should not be underestimated he plays with a lot of flair.

I wouldn't like to say there's pressure on Gus, but they have signed good players because they're determined to get back in to the Championship with their nice new stadium.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Sheff Wed	5	2	0	0	3	0	1	1	1	6	2	7	10
2	Carlisle	5	2	1	0	6	1	0	2	0	2	2	5	9
3	Oldham	5	1	2	0	4	1	1	1	0	3	2	4	9
4	Peterborough	5	2	0	0	7	2	1	0	2	4	6	3	9
5	Colchester	5	0	2	0	2	2	2	1	0	5	3	2	9
6	MK Dons	4	2	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	3	5	0	9
7	Bournemouth	5	1	1	0	8	4	1	1	1	5	3	6	8
8	Huddersfield	5	1	2	0	5	3	1	0	1	5	4	3	8
9	Rochdale	5	0	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	7	3	3	8
10	Brighton	4	1	1	0	4	3	1	0	1	2	2	1	7
11	Charlton	5	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	4	5	0	7
12	Notts County	5	2	0	1	5	3	0	1	1	3	6	-1	7
13	Walsall	5	1	0	2	3	4	1	0	1	3	3	-1	6
14	Exeter	4	1	2	0	5	4	0	0	1	0	3	-2	5
15	Tranmere	5	1	0	2	2	5	0	2	0	2	2	-3	5
16	Hartlepool	5	0	1	1	2	7	1	1	1	2	1	-4	5
17	Bristol Rovers	5	1	0	1	2	5	0	2	1	3	6	-6	5
18	Southampton	4	0	1	2	1	4	1	0	0	4	0	1	4
19	Dag & Red	4	1	1	0	4	2	0	0	2	0	3	-1	4
20	Leyton Orient	5	1	0	1	4	3	0	1	2	2	5	-2	4
21	Plymouth	4	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	1	2	2	-3	4
22	Brentford	5	1	0	2	3	5	0	1	1	1	3	-4	4
23	Yeovil	5	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	1	6	-6	4
24	Swindon	5	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	1	3	4	-2	3

Lewis Guy gets on the end of a Sam Baldock cross to net for the Dons

Dons ride luck

MK DONS 1 HARTLEPOOL 0

Guy 77

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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THE unbeaten run at stadiummk stretched to four games as MK Dons rode their luck late on to move in to sixth place in the League One table.

Lewis Guy, the Dons' Carling Cup hero, came off the bench to net the only goal 13 minutes from time in a televised match where all the drama came late on.

With the Dons holding a fully deserved goal advantage Hartlepool, after spending 80 minutes camped behind the ball, were given a glimmer of hope when Dean Lewington was dismissed for a foul on Leon McSweeney.

But any hopes of stealing a late point disappeared when, much to the anger of the Pools' outfit, referee Craig Pawson waved away late cries for a penalty when Antony Sweeney tumbled under pressure from Sean O'Hanlon.

The appeal came in the closing moments in the game, and the referee's decision ensured Dons goalkeeper David Martin got his much-wanted first clean sheet.

The former-Liverpool 'keeper was handed the number one shirt by boss Karl Robinson and was relieved to walk away with an unblemished performance.

He said: "It helps with the clean sheet as well I've been desperate to try and get one of them this season and we showed our character after the sending off and we pulled through.

"Obviously 'keepers are always trying to get their clean sheets, and the defence, we've won every game at home this season and hopefully we can carry that on.

"They came here with a game plan and just sat back, we had to pass it round, keep our possession and they tried to counter attack but we managed to pop it around and Lewis came up with a goal."

Martin, 24, admitted he was unsure as to whether Hartlepool should have been awarded the penalty whereas boss Robinson said his side were fortunate in the late stages.

He said: "We created enough chances in the first half and in the first ten minutes of the second half to be well out in front, but good teams persist, good teams do the right things for long periods. Okay, we rode our luck a little later on but I thought we deserved that bit of luck.

"When teams come here it can often be difficult and people have to understand that we can't always play forwards, you have to move teams from side to side to open them up."

COMING UP

BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION

League One

Saturday, September 11

Withdean Stadium KO 3pm

WHEN Saturday comes Brighton and Hove Albion will not have played a competitive game for 10 days.

Gus Poyet's side had a free weekend after their game against Plymouth Argyle was postponed due to the Pilgrims' international call-ups.

The Seagulls' last match was a 2-0 home defeat in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy to Leyton Orient. So the Dons can expect a stronger, more refreshed side when they travel to the unfriendly Withdean stadium.

Dons will be without suspended captain Dean Lewington

View from the MOO CAMP

KARL Robinson has revealed he turned down a deadline day bid for Jermaine Easter from a Championship club.

A bid, reported to be from Crystal Palace, was made six hours before the summer transfer window slammed shut.

Robinson told MK NEWS: "I thought it was poor, extremely poor. He must have been top of the list if they tried to unsettle a player on the last day, I find it very disrespectful but that's how people do their business."

CHARLTON Athletic await MK Dons in the second round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

The match, which will take place at stadiummk on Tuesday, September 28 at an earlier 7.15pm kick-off, will be shown live on Sky Sports.

MK Dons Ladies stunned their Crystal Palace counterparts by thrashing them 8-1 on their own turf.

The Dons opened the scoring in spectacular fashion when Jo Brandon picked out the net with a fierce 30-yard drive before scores from Kelly Bingham, Caroline Moran, Lisa Burrows and Kelly Robinson all following in the first-half.

Bingham added her second before Palace scored from the spot.

Dons completed the scoring through Lauren Goodier and Mikaela Welford to move third in the South East Combination table.

DONS Under-18s fell to a 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Fulham.

George Williams' struck in the second-half for the Dons.

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Dietar Hamann tangles with Andy Monkhouse

New signings see MK Lions go tall

MK Lions have put in offers for two venues in the city and hope to know where they will be playing their home games by the end of the week.

One of the venues is the former Sainsburys site at the food centre in the Theatre District while the other venue is on the outskirts of Central Milton Keynes.

Lions owner Vince Macaulay is expecting a response by the weekend, he told MK NEWS: "I'm trying not to get too excited about either of the venues because we've had too many false dawns before.

"As soon as they get back to me I will announce it - I have to sell our commercial packages."

Meanwhile, the Lions have been making giant strides forward on the court as they continue to build their side despite not having a permanent home for the season.

Standing at 7ft 2ins Lawrence Brown, born in Portsmouth with a playing career at American university side Fairleigh Dickinson Knights, has joined Keith Darden, 6ft 10ins, as the latest additions to a new-look Lions side assembled by rookie boss Mike New.

American forward Darden takes up his first professional position after a successful stint at the University of Livingstone in the NCAA Division Two.

The 26-year-old will add some versatility to New's team as he is able to take to the court in various positions.

Lions' head coach Michael New said: "He will be one of our anchors on defence, he is a fantastic rebounder and he will always be one of the fastest players on court."

Over the last two seasons Darden has averaged six points and five rebounds a game, and has been shooting 45 per cent from the field.

Lions, who will play their opening three 'home' games at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, have already added Stefan Gill, Kris Clark and Travis Nelson to their roster for the 2010/11 season.

The side will play Team USA Select in a friendly on Sunday at Stantonbury Campus, tip-off is at 1pm.

First pro position: Keith Darden

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Drag racing finals

THE FIA European Drag Racing Championship climaxes at Santa Pod Raceway's European finals this weekend.

The world famous track, tucked away on the Bedfordshire/Northants border, is all set for the loudest and fastest motorsport.

The Pro Modified class is a straight shoot-out between two Swedish racers Michael Gullqvist, champion in 2007, and Johan Lindberg, 2010's young sensation, with the duo tied on points as the battle it out for the FIA title.

Urban Johansson, Mats Eriksson and Roger Johansson all remain in mathematical contention.

While any of the trio could win the race, it would take a momentous turn of events for one of them to snatch the championship.

The FIA European finals take place from September 9-12.

Twenty-six Pro Mod teams will battle against the clock to make the cut, only 16 will advance to Sunday's head-to-head knock-out round.

Coach honoured

A CRICKET coach from Crownhill has been recognised for his outstanding services to the sport at grassroots level.

Rob Ford was presented with a coaching certificate by former England captain Mike Atherton at the recent test match between England and Pakistan at The Brit Oval.

With over eight years involvement in grassroots cricket coaching Ford currently acts as Bucks County under-13 coach and Bucks under-12 MKDCA coach.

He works hard for Wolverton Cricket Club by writing coaching plans, working with other coaches and improving the delivery of cricket coaching to the players at the club.

Local football

NEWPORT Pagnell Town beat Holmer Green on penalties in the FA Vase first round qualifying on Saturday.

With the scores level at 1-1 after extra time the game was decided on a penalty shoot-out with Newport emerging as 5-4 winners.

In the United Counties division one Olney Town lost 3-2 at home to Bugbrooke St Michaels.

In the Challenge Trophy MK Wanderers were dumped out in the first round after falling to a 3-0 home defeat to Bedford Town Reserves,

New Bradwell St Peter beat Kent Athletic 3-1, Old Bradwell United lost 2-1 to St Albans City Reserves and Stony Stratford Town lost by the odd goal in a five-goal thriller with Mursley United.

Ten-man Padbury United were held to a goalless draw with Tring Corinthians in the South Midlands division two.

MK Bucks are baseball champions

THE MK Bucks were crowned British Baseball Federation National Single-A Champions on Sunday.

The Milton Keynes side took the title following a 10-3 victory over the Guildford Mavericks at the National Baseball Championships in Hemel Hempstead.

The game was tense throughout and the score remained tied at 3-3 going into the final innings.

But the Bucks rallied together to score seven runs before killing any hopes Guildford had of mounting a last-gasp comeback.

The Bucks' play-off star Tom Lloyd was the proud recipient of the MVP award after he pitched eight innings and recorded 13 strikeouts, the most by any pitcher during the 14 games played over the championship weekend.

With the baseball season winding down, the Bucks are now looking ahead to 2011 and the defence of their title.

LOCAL RUGBY

SOUTH WEST 1 EAST

Buckingham 15
Olney 27

OLNEY made the ideal start to their new rugby campaign with a 27-15 away win over local rivals Buckingham.

The visitors took an early opportunity which came their way, after Buckingham spurned a penalty, when a line-out five metres out allowed second row Jack Sutton to catch and drive over the line.

Just moments later Sutton twisted away from the pack to grab his second try of the match, but neither score was converted to leave Olney with a ten point lead.

Buckingham, who struggled early on, managed to string a number of passes together to expose gaps in the Olney defence and score out wide only for another conversion to fall off target.

The score remained at 10-5 for a matter of minutes as Olney's forwards again turned the screw and new recruit prop Mike Ormesher scored his first try in Olney colours.

The visitors had a 15-5 lead at half-time and they were once again able to extend that advantage after the break when captain Chris Parnham was sent across the line thanks to a great run by James Hannah.

There was a scare for Olney when Tom Taylor-Davies was sent to the sin bin for killing the ball which paved way for a Buckingham try to pull the deficit back to 10-20.

Olney, continuing to look comfortable in attack, pressed the home side and eventually Parnham went over to score his second try of the afternoon with Richard James converting to give Olney a 27-10 advantage.

But a late try from Buckingham reduced the scoreline to 15-27.

Oakmedians 25
Bletchley 27

BLETCHLEY kicked off their new campaign in style with a bonus point win at Oakmedians.

With the introduction of the bonus point system - one point for four or more tries, or a point for losing by less than seven - Bletchley's four tries saw them take maximum points on their first run out.

A scrappy game saw Bletchley gain the upper hand when a line-out resulted in Simon Pitfield, new to the side, off loading to the backs with winger Jack Couzens the eventual scorer.

But a poor re-start cost the visitors seven points as Oakmedians drove over the line and converted to take a two point lead.

Fly half Phil Harman edged Bletchley back ahead with a penalty only for Oakmedians to regain the advantage with another converted try handing them a 14-9 advantage.

Bletchley continued to claw their way back in the end-to-end game with tries from Couzens and Phil Harman, who also added one kick.

However, Oakmedians kept fighting and led 22-20 at the break thanks to an unconverted try and penalty.

After the break Bletchley fell further behind when another three points were successfully kicked but then came the turning point in the game when Phil Harman went over to level the scores at 25 all.

Phil's brother George Harman then took over kicking duties to add the additional two points which proved enough to steal victory from the jaws of defeat.

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O'Hanlon set to take skipper's armband

SEAN O'Hanlon is favourite to captain MK Dons at Brighton and Hove Albion in the absence of suspended skipper Dean Lewington.

The left-back was given an instant red card late in the win over Hartlepool last weekend and will miss the trip to big spending Brighton to serve his one-match suspension.

And with vice-captain Aaron Wilbraham still on the sidelines with a back injury it is thought O'Hanlon, who took the armband when Lewington was sent off, could skipper the side. Although former German international Dietmar Hamann could also have a case to be the stand-in captain.

The loss of Lewington will prevent Dons boss Karl Robinson from naming the same side for the fourth consecutive match.

Robinson had stuck with the 11 players that beat Blackpool in the Carling Cup and the consistency showed in the results with victories over Swindon and Hartlepool.

But the Dons will have to fill the hole left by Lewington, while Danny Woodards is also expected to miss out due to the hamstring injury which forced him off at the weekend.

Wilbraham and Gary MacKenzie (knee) have both returned to training but lacking match fitness and are unlikely to feature against the Seagulls.

Webber's Daytona date

Red Bull ace takes time out for van der Drift fund raiser

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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Red Bull driver Mark Webber was one of a number of motor sport stars raising cash for injured Chris van der Drift, right

MARK Webber took time out of his Formula One championship battle to feature in a fund-raising event for a Milton Keynes racer who cheated death last month.

The Red Bull Racing driver will be in Italy on Sunday vying for points on the Monza circuit with Lewis Hamilton, currently leading the drivers' standings, but last night he was at the Daytona karting track in MK.

Webber was among several motor racing stars to attend the event held to help Chris van der Drift in his quest to pay off a number of medical bills.

Superleague Formula racer van der Drift was involved in a horrific crash at Brands Hatch at the beginning of August when he sustained a broken ankle in two places, two broken ribs, a cracked shoulder blade, a dislocated shoulder and two broken finger.

The two-hour endurance kart race also featured Lotus F1 third driver Fairuz Fauzy, 2009 British Formula 3 champion Daniel Ricciardo and van der Drift's fellow Kiwi, former Red Bull Junior ace, Brendon Hartley.

Van der Drift, who is based in MK, has been helped by Webber's trainer Roger Cleary during his rehabilitation, he said: "Roger has organised, through the Altitude Centre, for me to have a Hypoxic chamber installed in my home. It is something used by climbers to simulate thin air on top of mountains, but also helps the body heal.

|I am also going to a low temperature chamber, similar to one Mark used after breaking his leg (in 2008).

"Many people have been wishing me well."

A limited crowd, who had paid £10 per head, watched the petrol heads on the track, but Webber stuck to starting the race rather than participating.

Webber, three points behind F1 championship leader Hamilton, also had his focus on this weekend's Italian Grand Prix.

With team mate Sebastian Vettel all but mathematically out of the race for the title, all eyes are on Webber and Hamilton.

Webber is looking forward to the race, he said: "There are a lot of things that make Monza unique and special, not least of all the passionate Italian tifosi who help to give the place a great atmosphere.

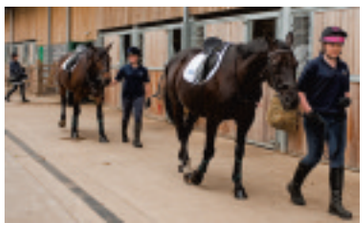
"I love the way the track threads its way through the park too and remains one of the classic races on the F1 calendar.

"Of course it's renowned for its many long straights, that means a lot of heavy braking so it can be quite hard on the car. I think we can still do well at Monza. We might have a bit more in the way of opposition in addition to Ferrari, McLaren and Renault, Force India could also be in the mix for the top places."

A part-time route to Working with Horses

There is an alternative to full-time education and training that may suit those who prefer 'hands on' experience and who want or need to be in employment.

The Apprenticeship option allows students to get the best of both worlds; gaining a nationally recognised qualification whilst earning a wage. The majority of the learning takes place in the work place, with supervisors and employers training students as situations naturally arise.



Students gather photographic evidence and witness statements to demonstrate the jobs they have completed, and attend college one day a week to receive their more formal training, and to build a portfolio to evidence the work they have completed on a day to day basis.

Equestrian apprentice Frances Pritchard said; 'this course has allowed me to gain a qualification whilst working. I did not want to attend a full time course when I left school as I felt I learnt better in a practical environment and would struggle with a full time programme. I have gained so much confidence since completing the course and now feel able to set my goals higher and continue my studies.' Frances will now enrol on a full time Diploma course at Moulton College in September, which is something she did not feel able to do before completing the apprenticeship.

Krista Rayner, Apprenticeship Course Manager said 'The apprenticeship is made up of a main qualification along with key skills, and additional qualifications such as first aid, safe manual handling and employment rights and responsibilities certificates, which are all transferable skills that can be used in any industry. Apprenticeships allow students to 'earn while they learn'

For more information on Apprenticeships contact The Workbased Learning office or Student Services on 01604 491131 email: enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit www.moulton.ac.uk

HORTICULTURE AND ARBORICULTURE AT THE ACADEMIES

From September, Moulton College will offer Arboriculture courses at the South Northants Vocational Skills Academy (SNVSA) in Silverstone, and Horticulture courses from the East Northants Vocational Skills Academy (ENVSA) at Higham Ferrers.

The academy at Silverstone provides first class teaching resources including classrooms, an Arboriculture workshop and Learning Resources Centre. Students will enjoy the same high quality provision as learners on the Moulton campus, but will also benefit from the smaller, more personal environment. Additionally many learners will have reduced travel costs by being able to attend a location closer to home. The new build centre in East Northants also offers Horticulture learners similar benefits associated with studying in a smaller but very well equipped learning environment, and for many this Centre will also be closer to their homes.

Learners at both SNVSA and ENVSA have achieved excellent success rates and it is anticipated that Arboriculture and Horticulture learners will be the next phase of the East and South Northants success stories.

For further details contact Student Services on 01604 491131, email:enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit www.moulton.ac.uk

A Career in Construction?

Construction is a career you can take with you, whether home or abroad.

The Construction Industry is one of the largest employers in the UK with a labour force of over two million people. With Government proposals to increase the number of Apprenticeships, now has to be the time to train for a career to help meet this demand for more homes.

Working in the Construction industry can be very rewarding financially but also provides the satisfaction that comes with being able to say "I helped to build that". It also provides the opportunity, for those who are ambitious, to progress from being a tradesperson to carrying out a professional role within the industry.

Moulton College offers superb facilities together with experienced, professional staff and students can study full time, part time or by a combination of both routes to complete their qualification.

Courses include brickwork, carpentry & joinery and plumbing & heating - all available either at the Moulton campus or at the Vocational Skills Academies in Higham Ferrers, Silverstone and Daventry. Stonemasonry is available on the Moulton campus and Wall and Floor Tiling at Higham Ferrers.

At the recent Skill Build UK regional finals, Moulton College students achieved success in Brickwork, Wall & Floor Tiling, Carpentry, Bench Joinery and Stonemasonry.
For further information contact Student Services on 01604 491131, email: enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit www.moulton.ac.uk

Training for Plant Operators to Industry Standards

What is CPCS?
The Construction Plant Competency Scheme (CPCS) is the largest and most widely recognised card scheme for the plant industry. It helps to demonstrate the operating skills and health and safety awareness of construction workers and is recognised by the Major Contractors Group (MCG) and Major House Builders Group (MHBG) as the preferred card to comply with codes of practice for competence and certification.

For anyone wanting to operate plant machinery on a construction site, a CPCS card is essential.

How to obtain a CPCS Card?
1. The CPCS Technical Test consists of a practical test of machine handling ability and a theory test. Moulton College provides training to ensure each individual is fully prepared for the test. This can range from 1-10 days depending on prior experience and the type of machine being tested.

2. Successful completion of the above tests will produce a Red Trained Operator card, now valid for two years, and allows operators to work on-site.

3. In order to extend the Red Trained Operator Card into a more permanent Blue Competent Operator card the individual must obtain a Vocational Qualification within 2 years. Moulton College can offer a City & Guilds accredited Vocational Qualification to enable attainment of the Blue Card

Why Moulton College?
Moulton College is an accredited CPCS Assessment Centre and City & Guilds Approved NVQ Centre. The College has a dedicated plant training facility located on campus containing up-to-date:

- 360 and 180 degree Excavators
- Forward tipping dumper
- Rough Terrain Telescopic Forklift
- Industrial Reach and Counterbalance Forklift
- Mobile Elevated Work Platform

All the trainers are qualified professionals who ensure that not only do clients pass the relevant industry assessment, but that they are "work ready" for the demands of every-day plant operation. The practical aspects of the courses are carried out on a purpose built driving area to ensure realistic simulation of a working environment.

For more information please contact Student Services at Moulton College on 10604 491131, email:enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit www.moulton.ac.uk

Students benefit from facilities that offer 'National Accredited Certificate Scheme' qualifications

The Gas & Energy Centre at Moulton College offers a modern, professionally approved training and assessment facility that provides an opportunity for local employees to work towards formal Gas qualifications.

The centre trains and assesses under the 'Accredited Certificate Scheme' providing the necessary qualifications to join the Gas Safe Register, which replaced Corgi Registration in 2009.

Facilities at the Centre include self-contained assessment bays equipped with gas meter, central heating boilers, fires, water heaters and cookers.

The Gas & Energy Centre also offers LPG gas training by qualified and experienced members of staff, with a combined wealth of knowledge of the gas industry.

For further details contact : Student Services on 01604 491131, email: enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit: www.moulton.ac.uk

Employment Counts in Landbased Education

Landbased students are provided with an enriched learning experience at Moulton College

Not only do they work towards a nationally recognised qualification, but they have the opportunity to achieve industry recognised competency certificates in tasks such as Pesticide Application, Forklift Truck Operation or Chainsaw Use; they also follow programmes to improve their numeracy and literacy skills and gain invaluable experience and increase their employability by working at one of the College's many commercial enterprises.

But it doesn't stop there – coupled with an extensive tutorial programme which includes health talks from the college nurse, religious awareness discussions with the college chaplain, and opportunities to undertake community projects or fund raising for local and national charities. Add the opportunity to take part in sports and clay pigeon shooting events, landscape and other skills competitions, educational visits and study tours, and the whole experience helps to develop a well rounded individual with a range of essential 'life skills' in addition to a formal qualification. The total experience maximises the students' chances of gaining secure employment - all too important in the current climate.

For further information about courses available at Moulton College please contact Student Services on 01604 491131 email: enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit: www.moulton.ac.uk.

Back of the net!

General Education students from Moulton College demonstrated their team skills by winning the knock out cup at the East Midlands finals of the Ability Counts Football League, thus qualifying to play in the National Championships at Loughborough University.

And in recognition of their success, the delighted Moulton team went on to win the Chronicle and Echo Sports Achievement Award for 2010.

Ability Counts is organised by British Colleges Sport, to enable students with learning difficulties to compete and play football against other colleges. The involvement with team sport extends the work carried out in the curriculum to help students work successfully with others.

For further information on General Education (LDD) courses at Moulton College, contact Student Services on 01604 491131, email: enquiries@moulton.ac.uk or visit www.moulton.ac.uk

Part-time Further Education Courses 2010-11

AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT & THE COUNTRYSIDE

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Level 2 Diploma in Work Based Agriculture (formerly NVQ)	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Various	2 years
Level 3 Diploma in Work Based Agriculture (formerly NVQ)	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Various	2 years
Level 2 Diploma in Work Based Game Keeping (formerly NVQ)	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Various	2 years
Level 3 Diploma in Work Based Game Keeping (formerly NVQ)	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Various	2 years
Foundation Degree in Agriculture	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 4th	3 years
Foundation Degree in Countryside and Wildlife Management	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 4th	3 years
DIY Welding and Fabrication	Tue 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Jan 4th	10 weeks
Sheep for the Smallholder	Sat 9.30am - 4.00pm	Sep 4th	1 day

ANIMAL WELFARE AND VETERINARY HEALTH

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
BSc (Hons) Animal Welfare (Top up)	By negotiation	w/c Oct 4th	2 years
Foundation Degree Applied Animal Studies	1.15pm - 9.00pm	w/c Oct 4th	3 years
MSc Animal Welfare	1.15pm - 9.00pm	w/c Oct 4th	2 years
Post Graduate Certificate Animal Welfare	By negotiation	w/c Oct 4th	1 or 2 years
AMTRA Companion Animal SQP	Mon-Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 25th	4 days
AMTRA Equine SQP	Mon-Wed Fri 9.00 - 5.00	Oct 25th	4 days
AMTRA Saddlers SQP	Mon-Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 25th	5 days
Animal First Aid	Wed 6.00pm - 8.00pm	Nov 3rd	4 weeks
Animal Psychology - Understand your Pet	Sat 10.00am - 4.00pm	Nov 13th	1 day
Beginners Dog Agility	Thu 6.00pm - 7.30pm	Sep 9th	4 weeks
Dog Grooming	Wed 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Oct 27th	4 weeks
Dog Grooming	Sat 9.00am - 12.00 noon	Oct 30th	4 weeks
Level 2 Intermediate Dog Grooming - one day a week	Fri 10.00 - 3.00pm	Oct 1st	14 weeks
Safe Use of Veterinary Medicines for Dogs	Tue 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 26th	day

ARBORICULTURE AND TREE SURGERY

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Level 2 Diploma in Work Based Arboriculture (formerly NVQ)	Tue 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 28th	2 years
Level 3 Diploma in Work Based Arboriculture (formerly NVQ)	Wed 1.30pm - 8.00pm	Sep 29th	2 years
Foundation Degree Arboriculture	9.00am - 5.00pm	w/c Oct 4th	3 years
RFS Certificate in Arboriculture (Theory only)	Mon 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
AA Technicians Certificate in Arboriculture	Thu 1.30pm - 8.00pm	Sep 30th	1 year
Basic Tree Surveys	Thu 9.00am - 4.00pm	Oct 28th	1 day
Arboriculture Dendrology and Taxonomy	Wed 3.30pm - 5.00pm	Sep 29th	22 weeks

BRICKWORK

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Level 1 Diploma Brickwork	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	1 year
Level 1 Diploma Brickwork	Tue 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	1 year
Level 2 Diploma Brickwork (Level 1 is a pre-requisite)	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	2 years
NVQ 2 Brickwork	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 28th	2 years
NVQ 2 Brickwork	Tue & Thu 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	2 years
NVQ 3 Brickwork	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 29th	2 years
DIY Advanced Brickwork	Wed 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 29th	10 weeks
DIY Basic Brickwork	Tue 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	10 weeks

CARPENTRY AND JOINERY

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Level 1 Diploma Carpentry & Joinery	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	1 year
Level 1 Diploma Carpentry & Joinery	Mon 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	1 year
Level 2 Diploma Carpentry & Joinery (Level 1 is a pre-requisite)	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	2 years
Level 2 Diploma Carpentry & Joinery (Level 1 is a pre-requisite)	Mon & Wed 6.00 - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
NVQ 2 Bench Joinery	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 1st	2 years
NVQ 2 Carpentry & Joinery	Mon & Wed 6.00 - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
NVQ 2 Site Carpentry	Tue 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 28th	2 years
NVQ 3 Carpentry/Joinery	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 1st	2 years
DIY Advanced Carpentry/Joinery	Wed 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 29th	10 weeks
DIY Basic Carpentry/Joinery	Tue 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	10 weeks

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
BSc (Hons) Civil Engineering (Top up)	Tue 1.00pm - 8.30pm	Oct 5th	2 years
BSc (Hons) Construction Management (Top up)	Tue 1.00pm - 8.30pm	Oct 5th	2 years
Foundation Degree Civil Engineering	Thu 1.30pm - 8.30pm	Oct 7th	3 years
Foundation Degree Civil Engineering (Progression from HNC)	Tue 1.30pm - 8.30pm	Oct 5th	1 year
Foundation Degree Construction Management	Thu 1.30pm - 8.30pm	Oct 7th	3 years
Foundation Degree Construction Management (Prog. from HNC)	Tue 1.30pm - 8.30pm	Oct 5th	1 year
HNC Civil Engineering (includes £170 registration fee)	Thu 1.30pm - 8.30pm	Oct 7th	2 years
HNC Construction	Thu 1.30pm - 8.30pm	Oct 7th	2 years
Site Management Certificate - CIOB (excludes membership fee)	Wed 3.30pm - 9.00pm	Sep 29th	1 year
Site Management Diploma - CIOB (excludes membership fee)	Wed 3.30pm - 9.00pm	Sep 29th	1 year

PLUMBING

Code	Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Level 1 Certificate in Plumbing	Tue or Thu 6.00p - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	1 year	
Level 2 Certificate in Plumbing	Mon or Tue 9.00 - 5.00	Sep 27th	2 years	
NVQ 2 Plumbing - Day	Mon or Tue 9.00 - 5.00	Sep 27th	2 years	
NVQ 2 Plumbing - Evening	Tue & Thu 6.00 - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	2 years	
NVQ 3	Wed or Thu 9.00 - 5.00	Sep 29th	2 years	
NVQ3 Plumbing	Mon & Wed 6.00 - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years	
DIY Basic Plumbing	Wed 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 29th	10 weeks	
Rainwater Harvesting	Mon-Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Various	2 days	
Solar Hot Water Heating Systems (Domestic)	Mon-Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Various	3 days	
Unvented Domestic Hot Water Storage Systems	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Various	1 day	
Water Regulations (England & Wales)	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Various	1 day	

STONEMACSONRY

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Introduction to Stonemasonry	Tue 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	10 weeks
Level 2 Diploma Stonemasonry	Mon & Wed 6.00p -9.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
NVQ 2 Stonemasonry	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	2 years
NVQ 3 Stonemasonry	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years

DAVENTRY VOCATIONAL SKILLS ACADEMY

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Level 2 Certificate Plumbing	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
NVQ 2 Brickwork	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
NVQ 2 Plumbing	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
NVQ 2 Site Carpentry	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 1st	2 years

EAST NORTHANTS VOCATIONAL SKILLS ACADEMY

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Introductory Cert in Basic Construction Skills (Wall and Floor Tiling)	Mon 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	1 year
Level 1 Certificate Plumbing	Tue 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	1 year
Level 1 Diploma Brickwork	Mon 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	1 year
Level 1 Diploma Carpentry	Mon 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	1 year
Level 2 Certificate Plumbing	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
NVQ 2 Brickwork	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	2 years
NVQ 2 Plumbing	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
NVQ 2 Plumbing	Mon & Wed 6.00 - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
NVQ 2 Site Carpentry	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	2 years
NVQ 2 Wall and Floor Tiling	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 1st	2 years
NVQ 2 Wall and Floor Tiling	Mon & Wed 6.00 - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
DIY Plumbing	Wed 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 29th	10 weeks

SOUTH NORTHANTS VOCATIONAL SKILLS ACADEMY

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Level 1 Certificate Plumbing	Tue 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	1 year
Level 1 Diploma Brickwork	Mon 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	1 year
Level 1 Diploma Carpentry	Wed 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 29th	1 year
Level 2 Certificate Plumbing	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
NVQ 2 Bench Joinery	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 1st	2 years
NVQ 2 Brickwork	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
NVQ 2 Plumbing	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
NVQ 2 Plumbing	Tue & Thu 6.00 - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	2 years
NVQ 2 Site Carpentry	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 1st	2 years
DIY Plumbing	Wed 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 29th	10 weeks

DESIGN AND CRAFT

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
HND Interior Design (includes registration fee £170 Year 1 only)	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 4th	3 years
Curtain Making with Heading Tapes	Sat 10.30am - 3.00pm	Oct 9th	1 day
Introduction to Interior Design	Sat 10.30am - 3.00pm	Dec 4th	1 day
Level 1 Simple Decorated Cushion - City & Guilds 7111	Fri 11.30am - 2.00pm	Oct 1st	10 weeks
Level 2 Machine Embroidery - City & Guilds 7112 Textiles	Fri 11.30am - 2.00pm	Oct 1st	10 weeks
Level 2 Patchwork & Quilting - City & Guilds 7112 - Textiles	Fri 11.30am - 2.00pm	Oct 1st	10 weeks
Patchwork & Quilting	Mon 10.30am - 3.00pm	Nov 15th	1 day
Photoshop for Digital Images	Thu 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 30th	10 weeks
Stitched Textiles / Soft Furnishing	Fri 11.30am - 2.00pm	Oct 1st	10 weeks

EQUESTRIAN

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Foundation Degree Equine Management	By negotiation	w/c Oct 4th	3 years
MSc Equine Behaviour and Welfare	1.15pm - 9.00pm	w/c Oct 4th	2 years
Post Graduate Certificate Equine Welfare	By negotiation	w/c Oct 4th	1 year
Post Graduate Diploma Equine Welfare	By negotiation	w/c Oct 4th	2 years
Advanced Certificate in Equine Transport - BHEST	Thu 10.00am - 4.00pm	Oct 28th	1 day
Advanced Certificate in Equine Transport - BHEST	Sat 10.00am - 4.00pm	Oct 2nd	1 day
Certificate in Equine Transport - BHEST	Thu 10.00am - 2.00pm	Oct 28th	1 day
Certificate in Equine Transport - BHEST	Sat 10.00am - 2.00pm	Oct 2nd	1 day
First Aid for Horses - treating minor wounds	Wed 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Oct 20th	1 day
Introduction to BHS Stage 1 Riding and Lungeing	Thu 6.45pm - 9.00pm	Sep 30th	10 wks
Introduction to BHS Stage 2/3 Riding and Lungeing	Wed 6.45pm - 9.00pm	Sep 29th	10 wks
Practical Clipping	Sat 10.00 - 12.00 noon	Oct 16th	1 day
Practical Lungeing/Long Reining (fall levels inc BHS exam revision)	Mon 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Nov 22nd	1 day
Practical Massage for Horse Owners	Tue 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Nov 9th	1 day

FLORISTRY

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Extended Certificate in Floristry Level 2	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	1 year
Extended Certificate in Floristry Level 2	Tue 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	2 years
Level 2 Diploma in Work Based Floristry (formerly NVQ)	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 29th	2 years
Level 3 Diploma in Work Based Floristry (formerly NVQ)	Wed 1.30pm - 8.00pm	Sep 29th	2 years
Hand Tied Designs	Mon 6.30 pm- 8.30pm	Oct 4th	5 weeks
Level 1 Introduction to Retailing	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 27th	5 days

FOOD STUDIES

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
CIEH Level 2 Food Safety	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 10th	1 day
CIEH Level 2 Food Safety	Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 18th	1 day
CIEH Level 2 Food Safety	Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 16th	1 day
Christmas Cookery with a Twist	Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm	Dec 11th	1 day
French Provincial Cookery	Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm	Nov 20th	1 day
Man in the Kitchen - beginners	Tue 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	10 wks
Man in the Kitchen - improvers	Tue 4.00pm - 6.00pm	Sep 28th	10 wks
Spanish Tapas and Canape	Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 25th	1 day

GENERAL EDUCATION AND SUPPORTED LEARNING

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Entry Level 1 and 2 Hospitality and Catering	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	1 year
Entry Level 1 and 2 Hospitality and Catering	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	1 year
Entry Level 1 and 2 Hospitality and Catering	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 29th	1 year
Entry Level 2 Animal Care	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	1 year
Entry Level 2 Conservation	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	1 year
Entry Level 2 Horse Care	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 29th	1 year
Entry Level 2 Horticulture	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	1 year
Entry Level 3 Animal Care	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	1 year
Entry Level 3 Conservation	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	1 year
Entry Level 3 Horse Care	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 29th	1 year
Entry Level 3 Horticulture	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	1 year
Level 1 Certificate in Sport and Leisure	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	1 year
Level 1 Land Based Studies (Agriculture and Environ Conservation)	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	1 year
Level 1 Land Based Studies (Animal Care)	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 1st	1 year
Level 1 Land Based Studies (Animal Care)	Mon 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 27th	1 year
Level 1 Land Based Studies (Floristry)	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 29th	1 year
Level 1 Land Based Studies (Horse Care)	Tue 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 28th	1 year
Level 1 Land Based Studies (Horticulture)	Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 29th	1 year

FURNITURE

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Level 1 Handcrafted Cabinet Making - City & Guilds 5610	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 1st	1 year
Level 1 Handcrafted Cabinet Making - City & Guilds 5610	Mon 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
Level 2 Handcrafted Cabinet Making - City & Guilds 5610	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 1st	1 year
Level 2 Handcrafted Cabinet Making - City & Guilds 5610	Mon 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	2 years
Level 3 Handcrafted Cabinet Making - City & Guilds 5610	Thu & Fri 9.00 - 5.00	Sep 30th	1 year
Level 3 Handcrafted Cabinet Making - City & Guilds 5610	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	2 years
NVQ 2 Handcrafted Cabinet Making	Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm	Oct 1st	1 year
Advanced Cabinet Making - own choice of project	Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 30th	10 wks
Furniture Making - all levels	Mon 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 27th	10 wks
Getting the Most Out of Your Woodworking Tools	Sat 10.30am - 4.00pm	Oct 9th	1 day
Introduction to Woodcarving	Sat 10.30am - 4.00pm	Dec 4th	1 day
Routing for Beginners	Thu 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Nov 25th	1 even'g

HORTICULTURE AND GARDENING

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
General Certificate in Horticulture - RHS	Tue 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 28th	1 year
General Certificate in Horticulture - RHS	Tue 7.00 pm - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	2 years
Level 2 Diploma Amenity Horticulture (formerly NVQ)	Tue 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 28th	2 years
Level 2 Diploma Cemeteries (formerly NVQ)	Tue 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 28th	2 years
Level 2 Diploma Nursery Stock Production (formerly NVQ)	Tue 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 28th	2 years
Level 2 Diploma Sports Turf (formerly NVQ)	Tue 9.00am - 5.00pm	Sep 28th	2 years
Level 3 Diploma Hard Landscape (formerly NVQ)	Wed 1.30pm - 8.00pm	Sep 29th	2 years
Level 3 Diploma Sports Turf (formerly NVQ)	Wed 1.30pm - 8.00pm	Sep 29th	2 years
Foundation Degree Horticulture and Garden Design	Wed 9.00 am - 5.00pm	Oct 6th	3 years

SPORTS, THERAPY AND FITNESS

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Level 2 Gym Instructors Award - YMCA	Wed 1.30pm 9.00pm	Sep 29th	22 wks
Level 3 Certificate in Sports Massage*	Mon 6.00pm - 9.00pm*	Sep 27th	34 wks
Level 3 Diploma in Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology for Complimentary Therapies	Wed 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 29th	22 wks
Level 3 Diploma in Body Massage for Complimentary Therapies	Tue 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Sep 28th	34 wks
Foundation Degree Sports Performance and Coaching	9.00am - 5.00pm	w/c Oct 4th	3 years
Foundation Degree Sports Therapy	9.00am - 5.00pm	w/c Oct 4th	3 years
Advanced Massage Techniques Workshop	Sat 10.00am - 4.00pm	Nov 20th	1 day
Level 2 Award in Circuit Training	Sat - Sun 9.00 - 5.00	Nov 6,7,13,14th	4 days
Strapping and Taping Workshop	Sat 10.00am - 4.00pm	Dec 4th	1 day

TEACHER TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT

Course	Day and Time	Start Date	Duration
Certificate in Education (DTLLS) Year 1 - Level 4	Tue 5.30pm - 9.15pm	Sep 28th	2 years
PGCE (DTLLS) Year 1 - Level 4	Tue 5.30pm - 9.15pm	Sep 28th	2 years
Certificate in Education (DTLLS) Year 1 - Level 4	Wed 9.00am - 12.45pm	Sep 29th	2 years
PGCE (DTLLS) Year 1 - Level 4	Wed 9.00am - 12.45pm	Sep 29th	2 years
Certificate in Education (DTLLS) Year 2 Level 5/6	Mon 5.30pm - 9.15pm	Sep 27th	1 year
PGCE (DTLLS) Year 2 Level 5/6	Mon 5.30pm - 9.15pm	Sep 27th	1 year
Certificate in Education (DTLLS) Year 2 Level 5/6	Thu 9.00am - 12.45pm	Sep 30th	1 year
PGCE (DTLLS) Year 2 Level 5/6	Thu 9.00am - 12.45pm	Sep 30th	1 year
Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector - Level 3/4	Wed 1.45pm - 4.45pm	Sep 22nd	11 wks
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